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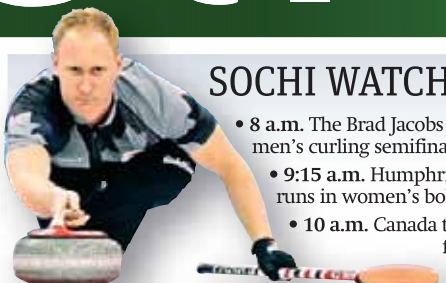
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- 8 a.m. The Brad Jacobs rink will meet China in the men's curling semifinals.
- 9:15 a.m. Humphries and Moyes take their final runs in women's bobsled.
- 10 a.m. Canada takes on Latvia in the quarter-finals of men's hockey.

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Born to be wild?

What does it take to own a serval cat or a 16-foot python? **PAGES 12-13**

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HEARD OF THIS RIDDLE?

Canada's Mike Riddle competes during the men's ski halfpipe final at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park at the 2014 Winter Olympics Tuesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. Riddle won the silver medal. See coverage, page 35. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calgary to force all cabs to run during peak hours

'Right answer' Taxi boss believes move will boost customer service instantly



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Calgary's taxi boss plans to put forward "bold" new rules that will require every one of the city's 1,526 cabs to be running during weekend peak-demand hours.

The sweeping changes would be a far step above conditions currently imposed on the 115 taxi licences released in 2012 and 2013 requiring them to be operational on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Marc Halat, the city's chief livery officer, said it will now be the responsibility of each placeholder to ensure their

vehicle is on the road from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights every week. Similar rules would be in place for the 10 days of the Calgary Stampede, Halloween and St. Patrick's Day, as well as Thursday and Sunday evenings on long weekends and when inclement weather has created severe delays with transporting paying customers.

"Something's got to give and the only other alternative is to open up the system, which will dilute the market ... this is the right answer," Halat said. "There are casual and part-time drivers. There is the capability to sub your car out to these other drivers — I don't think these restrictions are that harsh, I really don't."

The taxi manager said the move aims to address concerns from critics that the city's "slow-release" taxi-plate system is dated and also aims to undercut what he described as

a growing number of "gypsy cabs" working city streets.

"There's a risk with those that isn't in the public interest," he said of the rogue vehicles, which are operated by everyday citizens and tend to lack proper insurance.

Halat's team also explored granting more freedom to luxury sedan vehicles to operate in a similar manner as taxis during peak periods, but the fear is it would undercut profits for the lower-priced operators.

He said he hopes the new licence conditions will come into effect before the start of this year's Stampede.

But Jeff Garland, general manager for Associated Cab, said the new rules will turn away "quality drivers" from working the city.

"Forcing guys to work certain hours is not going to solve anything," he said. "It's a supply problem ... they need to add more cars."

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Discovered on Saturday. Deaths of couple ruled homicides

Police have ruled the deaths of a "well-respected" Calgary couple as a criminal case.

The victims have been identified as Don and Roxanne Carlson, ages 59 and 56, respectively. The pair was discovered by one of their children inside a residence in the 12200 block of Lake Erie Road SE Saturday.

An emergency call was issued first under the suspicion they'd died of carbon-monoxide poisoning.

But Calgary police Staff Sgt. Grant Miller told reporters Tuesday that tests revealed no gas was present in the home. Investigators have ruled out the couple's three children as suspects. Those same children issued a statement requesting privacy, but also encouraging anyone with information about their parents' deaths to come forward.

"We are shocked and devastated by the sudden loss of our parents.... Both were loving parents and will be terribly missed by all those who knew and loved them," the statement reads. "Our parents are wonderful and well-respected people, known for their love of family, involvement in their community and their professional accomplishments."

Miller said the Carlsons were last heard from around 9:30 p.m. Friday. Metro confirmed Don Carlson worked as general manager of Alberni Coin & Foreign Exchange and Roxanne had worked with the Calgary Board of Education as a psychologist. Representatives at both organizations declined to comment Tuesday.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Police allege parents starved ill son to death

'Extreme' case.

Calgary teen died of bacteria illness related to starvation



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First-degree murder charges are pending against two Calgary parents after allegations they confined their ill son to a room, ignored advice to get medical help and starved the teen until he died.

Metro confirmed through associates of the accused, Emil and Rodica Radita, that their youngest child, 15-year-old Alexandru Radita, was found dead inside their Citadel home last May.

Investigators worked for months to determine the family's background, including that Alexandru was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes while they lived in British Columbia. Tests found the youngster developed a bacterial sepsis and became so weak that he couldn't even seek medical assistance for himself.

"When you care for a loved one or a child and they're sick, you need to take them to the doctor," Calgary police Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said Tuesday. "Home medicines and home thoughts don't substitute for modern medicine, especially in the city of Calgary."

Miller said it's not believed the religious beliefs of the Raditas played any role in their decision to avoid medical care, adding it's believed one spiritual support group actually encouraged the pair to take



Alexandru Radita, middle, is seen in this undated Facebook photo with his father, Emil, right. Both Emil Radita and wife Rodica were charged Tuesday with first-degree murder after allegedly neglecting and starving their young son, who'd previously been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. FACEBOOK

their son to a physician.

Miller repeatedly told reporters that the conditions inside the room where Alexandru was being kept were "extreme."

The motive remains unknown.

Emil Radita did post to Facebook earlier this year advising a family seeking funding for cancer treatments, telling them, "(You) must go (to) the clinic in Mexico."

Community reaction

Attempts to contact the accused Tuesday were unsuccessful. But word of the charges startled members of the city's Romanian community, who stepped up to help the family after Alexandru's death.

- "This is a shock to me," said

Nicoletta Kallo when informed of the charges. She circulated an email from the Radita family asking for help to pay for the \$12,000 funeral for their child.

- "It's just upsetting. I'm a mom — I have kids myself," Kallo added.

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Calgarian demonstrators condemn Venezuelan crisis

Day of action.

Protesters join others in South America and around the world

More than 400 people rallied on and around Calgary's Peace Bridge Tuesday in solidarity with tens of thousands who flooded the streets of Venezuela's capital city to protest the ongoing political and economic crisis in the South American country.

The protest came as Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo López was arrested in Caracas on charges of fomenting violence, accusations that demonstrators in Calgary believe have no merit.

"They sent the military forces instead of the regular police (to arrest Lopez)," protest organizer Josue Ramirez said. "What for? In a democracy the military has nothing to do with regular crime, as they say he committed."

Among the Calgary protestors was Victor Vanorio, who grew up in Venezuela and came to Canada about a year and a half ago to continue studying engineering after becoming uncomfortable with the security situation in his home country.

He hopes the protests will bring attention to the ongoing violence in Venezuela and the government's communica-



Victor Vanorio leads demonstrators in a protest chant against turmoil in Venezuela on Calgary's Peace Bridge, Tuesday afternoon. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Quoted

"We're worried about what's happening in Venezuela. We're worried about our families. We're worried about losing democracy in Venezuela."

Protest organizer Josue Ramirez

tions crackdown.

"We don't have our own television or radio to show to the people, even inside Venezuela, what is happening,"

he said. "Our communication right now is basically through Twitter — that's our main source of communication."

But, he added, verifying in-

formation through the site is a challenge and the government has been blocking images sent through Twitter.

Twitter confirmed last week that images were being blocked in Venezuela.

"They're still doing it, but in certain situations, like when protests go by," Vanorio said.

Venezuela has been suffering through massive inflation — as high as 56 per cent — and shortages of basic goods.

At least four people have been killed in recent street protests.

Ramirez called on the Canadian government to exert more pressure on the Venezuelan government over the crisis.

"The Canadian government, historically, has been a government that supports freedom and peace all around the world," he said. "So, step forward for Venezuela."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

CBE

Federal cash sought for sports school

Calgary public school trustees voted unanimously Tuesday in favour of turning to the federal government to help fund a new \$9-million facility that would house high-performance athletes.

The Calgary Board of Education's National Sports School is temporarily located in a leased space in the office of the tower of an athletic complex at Canada Olympic Park, but the hope is to erect a new facility in the area.

The CBE hopes the federal government will match a \$3-million contribution already committed by the province. The board says it would then turn to the community to fund the remaining third of the project. **METRO**

Health

Hospital adds beds to neonatal unit

Fourteen more beds are being added to the neonatal intensive care unit at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary, the province announced Tuesday.

The \$10.9-million upgrade will provide more spaces for critically ill newborns from across southern Alberta, Health Minister Fred Horne said.

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Mike Bradshaw, a parent in the south community of Silverado, is seen at the Calgary Board of Education's downtown headquarters Tuesday. He's suggesting "mini-schools" could help ease a space crunch plaguing the education system in various areas of the city. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

CBE consults public over space 'crisis'

Overcrowding. Public board struggling with overburdened schools



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Calgary public-school parents, administrators and trustees batted around ideas to fund schools in the city's far reaches on Tuesday, but it's unclear when — or if — the board will more actively turn to community members or corporate partners with deep pockets.

Calgary Board of Education officials did state during a presentation for trustees and the general public on what was described as a space "crisis" that system-wide school utilization stands at 83

per cent and is projected to rise to more than 86 per cent by 2015. The province advises boards to operate around 80 per cent full, given that room inside facilities must be allocated for gymnasiums, libraries and washrooms.

Thousands more kids will be bussed from the fast-growing deep south to the inner city in the years ahead, administrators warned.

But some parents speaking ahead of the presentation were quick to offer up ideas on realigning community boundaries, finding cheaper modular classrooms and potentially constructing "mini-schools" as viable short-term solutions.

After hearing from parents, trustees asked the CBE's top executive, Chief Supt. Naomi Johnson, what had been done in the past.

New facilities

- The provincial government has announced 12 new facilities for the CBE but even those will fall 3,000 spaces short of projected growth in the years ahead.
- It's also unclear if more projects will be approved in the coming years — Alberta Infrastructure Minister Ric McIver said curious parents should stay tuned for the announcement of the province's annual budget March 6.

"We've tried a number of things but I don't think we've ever been in this set of circumstances before, the dire straits that we're in," she responded.

CP CEO: 'Almighty dollar' holding up rail safety

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. CEO Hunter Harrison says the "almighty dollar" is holding up badly needed changes to rail safety.

In a passionate speech to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, the plain-spoken, Memphis-born railway veteran said the time for study is over — older-model DOT-111 tank cars used to haul crude oil, among other things, must be removed from North American tracks immediately.

The ubiquitous DOT-111 cars — considered the workhorse of the rail industry — have long been criticized for having hulls that are too weak to withstand the force of a crash. They're the type that barrelled into downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., last summer, leading to a fiery wreck that claimed 47 lives.

"Nobody quibbles that they're more dangerous, that they're not equipped to haul this commodity," said Harrison, who has raised concerns

over those vessels in the past.

"So what should we do with them? Stop them tomorrow. Don't wait to study. We know the facts," he said.

"You know what it comes down to? And I hate to tell you this — the almighty dollar. Who's going to pay for this?"

Later, Harrison told reporters he's not pointing fingers at any specific government agency or industry player for dragging their feet.

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Calgary. Nenshi alarmed by housing crunch

Mayor Naheed Nenshi used his state-of-the-city speech to prop up Calgary's response to historic flooding, sky-high citizen satisfaction grades and an ever-ballooning transportation network.

However, Nenshi conceded the city's near-zero rental vacancy rate, soaring housing prices and sluggish wage growth keep him "awake at night" and need to be addressed in 2014. He drew audible gasps from the downtown Rotary Club crowd after claiming the average house price is \$575,000 here.

"The sobering reality is that

Calling on feds

Earlier this year, city council unanimously approved a motion calling on Ottawa to re-focus its attention on housing issues, especially as \$1.7 billion in social-housing agreements start to expire.

this is unsustainable," Nenshi said. "Every Calgarian deserves a safe place to life. We have to figure out how to make sure that happens — solutions are not simple here."

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

A provincial first

Man charged in alleged marriage of convenience

The Canada Border Services Agency has charged an Edmonton man in an alleged marriage of convenience.

Gilbert Leland Platts

was charged with misrepresentation and counselling misrepresentation under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the first time these charges have been laid in Alberta in a marriage of convenience case. The CBSA launched an investigation in 2012 after a tip. Platts was supposed to receive \$5,000 from the woman. METRO

Suspect in hit-and-run previously convicted



Emergency responders look over the site of a fatal car-pedestrian collision in the 4000 block of Centre Street Monday morning. METRO

Fatality. Driver had twice been convicted of impaired driving before Monday's pedestrian death



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Police have laid charges against a two-time convicted drunk driver in a fatal hit-and-run this week.

On Monday, police allege Dilan Ursan, 25, was speeding down Centre Street when he hit and killed a pedestrian near the Tim Hortons in Highland Park.

Authorities say Ursan fled the scene but returned four hours later — along with his girlfriend and someone from his nearby residence.

He is now charged with one count of hit-and-run

causing death.

Police claim they were provided with "the usual excuse of two beers" and didn't rule out more charges.

Staff. Sgt. Colin Foster, of the traffic section, told reporters it would be "exceptionally difficult" for officers to measure how much Ursan drank, given the time delay.

"We have to be realistic in what we can charge," said Foster.

Alberta court records show Ursan has twice been convicted of impaired driving and has been fined nearly \$1,900.

The victim has been identified as 26-year-old Moises Morales. It's unclear whether Morales was in or outside of the unmarked crosswalk when he was struck, police said.

He was rushed to hospital but later died.

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Chief superintendant. CBE asks for public input on new top executive

Calgary public-school trustees have launched a public survey, asking parents, students and their own staff to weigh in on their search for a new top executive.

Current Chief Supt. Naomi Johnson has announced she will resign on April 8.

"We all have a part to play in public education," said board chair Sheila Taylor in a statement. **METRO**



Outgoing Calgary Board of Education Chief Supt. Naomi Johnson **METRO FILE**

Willow Park School. Class soon to resume after fire

Students and staff are set to return to Calgary's Willow Park School, nearly four months after a suspicious fire forced it to close.

The Calgary Board of Education announced Tuesday that classes would resume on Feb. 25. The students had been studying at Viscount Bennett Centre.

"The CBE would like to thank everyone involved in the restoration of the school, Viscount Bennett Centre staff

New and improved

"We are thrilled that students are returning to a school that is safe, clean and better than ever."

Calgary Board of Education statement

and students and Willow Park School students, staff and families," the board said in a statement. **METRO**

City passes transit buck to province – and the province passes it back

Operating costs.

Officials disagree over who is responsible for subsidizing poor, seniors

Rejected

"We're already providing funding in a number of different ways to meet the needs of Albertans and directly to municipalities to help them set local goals."

Nancy Beasley Hosker, of Alberta Transportation



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The Alberta government is defending its share in Calgary's ever-expanding transit network in the face of growing calls for operating cash from the province.

Calgary Transit is looking to drop discounts for youth, seniors and low-income riders to help pay for its ambitious 30-year growth plan. But in a recent report, city staff suggested turning to

other levels of government to help plug a \$17.7-million annual budget hole.

The report — up for debate at committee Wednesday — notes Alberta is the only province that doesn't directly fund transit operations.

It also highlights a "provincial responsibility" to subsidize senior and low-income fares reportedly worth \$35 million. That's roughly double what's now being asked from riders and taxpayers.

On Tuesday, Mayor Naheed Nenshi echoed that report and calls from advocacy group TransitCamp YYC.

"We have to remember discounts for low-income people are a social program and that social programs are a responsibility of the province," Nenshi said. "So if the province even wanted to cover the subsidies for those discounted fares, that would make a huge difference."

Two Alberta government officials told Metro, however,

that financial help is provided through other pots of cash.

Nancy Beasley Hosker with Alberta Transportation pointed to the government's "significant" contributions to recent capital projects. That includes more than \$1 billion to the West LRT project and more than \$40 million to spruce up downtown C-Train platforms.

"We're already providing funding in a number of different ways to meet the needs of Albertans and directly to municipalities to help them set local goals," she said.

Human Services spokeswoman Kathy Telfer noted the province helps those on income support.

The province shelled out \$22 million for family and support services in 2013.

Has the munchies mystery been solved?

New research that may help explain why people get the munchies when they smoke marijuana has caught the attention of a leading University of Calgary neuroscientist, who was recently asked to assess the study for *New Scientist* magazine.

"What made this paper interesting is the fact that they're tying it to olfaction — or smell — and saying that endocannabinoids might be important in this process," Dr. Jaideep Bains told Metro about the study out of INSERM, a research agency in Bordeaux, France.

Bains, a neuroscientist at the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, also described the study as "extremely sophisticated."

The study zeroed in on neural circuitry in the brain associated with smell by genetically modifying mice so that specific nerve-cell receptors could be activated and deactivated.

Researchers found that activating those receptors with THC caused hungry mice to eat more than normal and that the mice responded to fainter food smells.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



A story in *New Scientist* says a new study "suggests the natural cannabinoids released during hunger do the same thing that THC does for pot smokers."

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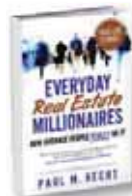
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Stalking prey on the savannah? Nope. Jagger the serval cat is on his daily outing in the Regina suburb where he lives. His owners say they're prepared to move out of province to keep their pet, if need be. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO IN REGINA

A killer in the family

Jagger the serval cat.

A Regina couple talks about their devotion to an African feline

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

As Kim Shaheen takes his nightly walk around his suburban Regina neighbourhood, there are lots of smiles, some stares and a few questions.

And they are all focused on the African serval cat on a harness with Shaheen.

For many, the animal — the smallest out of the African cat family — is usually not the first thing that comes to mind when choosing a new pet.

But for Shaheen and his wife, Pam, a couple from Regina with three grown children, it was the perfect way to round out their family.

The 30-pound pet, named Jagger, has four litter boxes, regularly plays fetch in the park behind the house and sleeps in the same bed as the couple.

"It's like having a four-year-old that is never going to grow up," Shaheen told Metro from his living room in north-

Visit metronews.ca to watch a video of Jagger in action.



east Regina. "It's a pet that you get so close to because they are so dependant on you," added Pam.

Jagger is so much a part of the family that when the couple found out in November 2012 — roughly seven months after they got the baby animal from a breeder in B.C. — that the province might not allow them to keep

him, they started planning a move. "He's got no claws, he's never let out on his own (and he's fixed so he is not going to change the environment, so I am not quite sure what the issue is," Pam said, adding that the city has no problem with the pet, just the province.

The pair say that serval cats get attached to their owners and once separated, the pet will go so far as to starve itself instead of living without its family. That's why, for the Shaheens, choosing to get Jagger was not a rash decision but rather a 20-year commitment — and even a letter

from provincial government officials asking them to voluntarily remove Jagger from the province would not stand in their way.

"(He's) a family member. We can't give him up," said Shaheen, adding that the city was far more accommodating. It was easy to register their exotic cat. "We are his pride ... even when we are not here for a few days, he gets depressed."

"They bond with one family for life," said Pam.

So the couple has embraced living with their larger-than-life pet, taking him to schools and seniors homes

for visits and watching him play with the family dog and cat. And not minding when he jumps up on the kitchen counters and costs them roughly \$300 a month in "food and whatever he breaks."

Kim Shaheen
cuddles his pet
serval cat, Jagger.

ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO
IN REGINA



Day 1: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Thursday.** Escape the clutch of a Burmese python and hear what the Ikea monkey's former owner has to say about having wild friends.
- **Friday.** Metro goes shopping for an opossum, and explains what to do when you have trouble with your pet fox.



Vern Ruml's 16-foot-long, 200-pound Burmese python named Abu poses with Ruml's girlfriend, Becky Girard. Abu was born in Ruml's home near Winnipeg in 1999. Ruml legally owns a dozen reptiles, and he's concerned about the welfare of animals that are smuggled into Canada. VERN RUMI

Why do people buy exotic pets? Some say love, others say ego



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Opposing camps. Folks on either side of the ownership debate weigh in on the point of it all

ALYSSA MCDONALD
Metro in Regina

When exotic pets make headlines, it's usually not for a good reason — generally, the story involves beasts who have escaped, have injured someone or been seized by officials as smugglers try to bring them into the country.

That can lead to a lot of head-shaking. Why, people wonder, does anyone want to obtain such creatures in the first place?

"I think for some people it's the challenge, but number one and foremost, it's for the love of the animal," said Scott Shoemaker, who acts as the director of Responsible Exotic Animal Ownership, a pro-position U.S. lobby group.

Shoemaker owns tigers, African cats and cougars, and said he does it because of the connections he's established with his pets.

"There are a lot of people who buy these animals and they love them," agreed Rob Laidlaw of Zoocheck, an organization that's on the other side of the exotic pet ownership debate. "They swear by what they are doing, are committed to it and defend it, and every once in a while someone gets killed by their pet."

Since exotic animals tend to

be so much work, and some are potentially lethal, owners who are not dedicated to such pets tend to get rid of them, which can cause problems if the animals are simply let back into the wild.

Laidlaw said that a variety of influences, including television shows featuring odd creatures, can prompt people to obtain an unusual pet. "People do just

buy animals on an impulse. They don't know what they are getting into," said Laidlaw. "They acquire the animal, get attached to the animal right away and end up keeping it." But he also maintains that some people want exotic pets because of the ego boost involved. "I always use the expression, 'Give a nobody a cougar on a leash, they become a somebody,'" he said.

But Shoemaker maintains that's not the reason people end up keeping such pets. "The commitment is 10 to 20 years, especially for a bigger cat. After the first couple of times it poops on your floor, it's no longer cool — it's some work," said Shoemaker.

"(People) may get into it because of that, but they don't stay in it because it's cool."

Quoted

"I always use the expression, 'Give a nobody a cougar on a leash, they become a somebody.'"

Rob Laidlaw of Zoocheck

* Buyer beware: Your scaly friend might not get into the country

There's the debate over whether exotic animals are safe to keep as pets — and then, there's the question of whether they're even legal to bring into Canada in the first place.

"We're seeing more traffic of exotic pets," Lyle Saigeon, executive director of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment's fish and wildlife branch, told Metro.

"The problem is that the exotic pet trade becomes kind of a global thing. And certainly, a lot of exotic animals are being brought into Saskatchewan, or other places in Canada, (through) online pet stores."

The continuing rapid increase in online pet sales has made purchasing animals foreign to Canada far easier than it used to be.

Saigeon points out that it's "kind of a buyer-beware thing" as to whether the would-be pet is legal to own in Canada, or in any particular province or city — and therefore, whether the snake, lizard, monkey or mongoose can even cross the border in a box or by some other means and reach the purchaser's property.

If the creature is endangered, he said, "the federal government would not let something like that into

the country. But if it's coming across in a box, a lot of times it's not caught. And that's certainly the case for a lot of smaller animals."

Vern Ruml, who legally owns a dozen reptiles including a Burmese python, boa constrictors and an alligator snapping turtle at his home near Winnipeg, is concerned about transactions and transport of foreign animals.

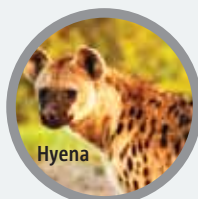
"If they're not allowed, isn't the only way to get them here to smuggle them?" said Ruml, who operated the Ruml's Reptiles educational enterprise in Manitoba until about a decade ago.

"That shouldn't happen. If an animal isn't supposed to be somewhere, it shouldn't be there. Because ultimately, it's the animal that suffers. Not the person." ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

* If you're uneasy about buying pets online, then you're better off going to a local pet store where it's more likely that the pets for sale are legal in a particular jurisdiction, advises Lyle Saigeon, executive director of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment's fish and wildlife branch.

So, where can't I own a wolverine?

The rules around exotic animal ownership in Canada are mostly a patchwork of provincial and municipal laws. Here are just some of the creatures you can't keep in various jurisdictions across the country.



Hyena

Pets prohibited in Toronto include:

- Canidae (such as coyotes, wolves, hybrid wolf dogs) except dogs
- Chiroptera (bats such as fruit bats, myotis, flying foxes)
- Felidae (such as tigers, leopards, cougars) except cats
- Hyenidae (such as hyenas)
- Marsupials (such as kangaroos, opossums, wallabies) except sugar gliders derived from self-sustaining captive populations
- Mustelidae (such as skunks, weasels, otters, badgers) except ferrets
- Primates (such as gorillas, monkeys, lemurs)
- All venomous and poisonous animals

Pets prohibited in Saskatoon include:

- All bats
- All Crocodylians
- All hyenas
- All Arachnids dangerous to humans, except tarantulas of the genera Aphonopelma, Avicularia and Grammostola
- Canidae, except the domestic dog
- All Edentates (such as anteaters, sloths and armadillos)
- All Marsupials (such as kangaroos and opossums)
- Primates (such as gorillas and monkeys)
- All Pinnipeds (such as seals, fur seals and walruses)



Walrus



Wild boar

Pets prohibited in Nova Scotia include:

- Wild boar
- Prairie dogs
- All Hyenidae (hyenas)
- All Ursidae (bears)
- All Cervidae (deer)
- All Primates
- All Pteropodidae (bats)
- Canidae, except the domestic dog
- Felidae, except the domestic cat
- All Crocodylians (such as alligators and crocodiles)
- All Procyonidae (such as raccoons, coatis and cacomistles)
- All Viverridae (such as mongooses, civets and genetis)
- All venomous animals (including those with toxin removed)

Pets prohibited in Winnipeg include:

- All bears, including polar, grizzly, brown and black bears
- All fur bearing animals of the family Mustelidae, including weasel, badger, skunk, otter, wolverine, except the domestic ferret
- All Procyonidae, including raccoon, kinkajou, cacomistle, cat-bear, panda and coatimundi
- All carnivorous mammals of the family Viverridae, including, but not limited to, civet, mongoose and genet
- Primates, including but not limited to monkey, ape, chimpanzee, gorilla and lemur



Mongoose

ISTOCK PHOTOS

Police, protesters killed in clashes in Ukrainian capital

Kyiv. Officers in riot gear moved against main protest camp as anti-government faction fought back with rocks, bats and firebombs

Amid cries of "Glory to Ukraine!" and with flaming tires lighting up the night sky, thousands of riot police armed with stun grenades and water cannons attacked the protest camp in the centre of Kyiv on Tuesday, following a day of street battles that left 18 people dead and hundreds injured.

The violence was the deadliest in nearly three months of anti-government protests that have paralyzed Ukraine's capital in a struggle over the nation's identity.

With the boom of explod-

Canadian connection

A handful of anti-government protesters have taken shelter inside the Canadian embassy.

- Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird's office says they are peaceful and have not caused any damage or harm to staff.

ing stun grenades and fire-works nearly drowning out his words at times, opposition leader Vitali Klitschko urged the 20,000 protesters to defend the camp on Independence Square.

As police dismantled some of the barricades on the perimeter of the square and tried to push away the protesters, they fought back with rocks, bats and firebombs.

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Anti-government protesters clash with riot police in Kyiv's Independence Square in Ukraine on Tuesday, where thousands of police attacked the large opposition camp in Ukraine's capital that has been the centre of nearly three months of anti-government protests. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pussy Riot members detained by police in Sochi



Pussy Riot members Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, in the blue balaclava, and Maria Alekhina, in the pink, make their way through a crowd after they were released from a police station Tuesday in Adler, Russia. MORRY GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian punk group Pussy Riot burst onto the Olympic scene Tuesday when two of its members were picked up by police in Sochi — and then ran away defiant down a rain-soaked street a few hours later, shouting and wearing their trademark balaclavas.

The police questioning of Russia's most recognizable punk rockers, along with detentions of activists in recent days, brought political tensions to the fore at Vladimir Putin's showcase Winter Olympics.

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alekhina, along with seven others, were held by police near Sochi's ferry terminal, a popular area for fans celebrating the Games. Police said they were questioned in connection with a theft at a hotel. No charges were filed.

"Putin will teach you how to love the motherland!" the women chanted on leaving the police station, their fists in the air and blue, pink and orange ski masks covering their faces.

Tolokonnikova said Tues-

day's detention followed three days of police harassment. She also said the two band members were detained for several hours the previous two days.

"We members of Pussy Riot have been here since late Sunday and we were constantly detained since then," Tolokonnikova said after her release. "We are constantly surrounded by people, not you journalists, but people who are shadowing us, following our every move and looking for any excuse to detain us." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Renewed criticism

The Pussy Riot detentions brought renewed criticism of Russia's suppression of protests.

- "In Putin's Russia, the authorities have turned the Olympic rings ... into handcuffs to shackle freedom of expression," said John Dalhuisen, Europe director for Amnesty International.

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The Ford show. Mayor offended when people call him homophobic

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford said in a YouTube video released Tuesday that he's offended by claims he's homophobic, while his city councillor brother suggested people in the gay community are "bullies."

The brothers made the comments in the second instalment of their online "Ford Nation" show, consisting of a series of clips of varying lengths in which they slag fellow councillors and take one question.

The query appears to have come via email from "Mary from Scarborough," who is identified as the mother of a gay son. She referenced Ford's stance against a rainbow flag at city hall and recent comments about not attending the annual pride parade.

Ford read the question, in which "Mary" suggested Ford is homophobic and asked why people should vote for him if he doesn't support all citizens.

"I am not homophobic," Ford said. "I'll go to anyone's house, anyone's place to help



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is questioned by reporters as he returns to the council floor at city hall in Toronto last month.

CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

them out. I take offence when people say that to me."

A rainbow flag — a long-standing symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights and pride — was raised at Toronto city hall earlier this month as the Sochi Winter Olympics began.

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South Carolina

Woman jailed after failing to return videotape

It was not a pile of late fees a South Carolina woman got when a video store owner said she failed to return a video she rented in 2005. Instead, she spent a night in jail. Twenty-seven-year-old Kayla Michelle Finley of Pickens was arrested last week and charged with failing to return a rented video cassette.

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Concerns

Medical pot program being abused: RCMP

The RCMP says there is an overwhelming temptation for growers of medical marijuana to supplement their income under the current system by selling extra pot. In an affidavit filed in the Federal Court of Canada, RCMP Cpl. Shane Holmquist says investigations have revealed various abuses of the medical marijuana program.

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Home brew program helps alcohol addicts

Vancouver. The Drug Users Resource Centre offers a program where severe alcoholics can make home brew



EMILY JACKSON
Metro in Vancouver

Instead of sitting back while illicit drinkers poison themselves with high-alcohol products like Listerine and hand sanitizer, a Vancouver non-profit decided to help them get away from the products no human is meant to ingest.

The Portland Hotel Society — yes, the same folks that made headlines around the world last week for crack pipe vending machines — offers a program where severe alcoholics can make home brew at its Drug Users Resource Centre located across from Oppenheimer Park, a green space where some of the problem drinkers congregate during the day.

Called the "drinkers lounge," members in the year-old program must attend weekly meetings to be eligible to brew their own booze, said Mark Townsend of the PHS.

If people attend the meetings to discuss health, learn CPR and get help with treatment plans, they can then contribute \$10 to buy a brew kit with four others.

"We want there to be a commitment to education and the group to be a positive



The Drug Users Resource Centre in the Downtown Eastside uses innovative ways to reduce harm, including a polka-dotted crack pipe vending machine that made headlines around the world. EMILY JACKSON/METRO IN VANCOUVER

influence," Townsend said. "We don't want to just randomly hand out stuff."

About 30 people are involved in brewing, with another 60 enrolled just for the meetings.

Outside of the club, the centre has a hydration team that goes out twice a day to places where illicit drinkers hang out to check on them, encourage them to drink water or juice and bring them back to the centre.

It's a pragmatic, self-funded initiative that helps a very small group of people (there's an estimated 200 illicit drinkers) who, if left on the streets to ingest substances like hair-spray, often have negative interactions with police or end up in hospital, Townsend said.

While initiatives like this and the crack pipe vending machine tend to grab headlines, they're all part of how the PHS reduces harm in a

cost effective way. It also provides detox, banking services and housing.

"All these things fit in the same basket of intervention," Townsend said, noting that managed alcohol programs have been underway with doctor supervision at one of its social housing sites for eight years. This program simply targets people who are more transient, he said, and there has been no push back at all since it started.

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Uncle's death pushed hijack pilot over edge?

Ethiopia. Hailemedhin Abera in emotional distress after sudden death of 'a very close' uncle, relative says

The Ethiopian pilot who hijacked a flight to Rome and took it to Geneva recently lost his uncle, a relative said

Tuesday, suggesting anguish over the death may have left him on edge.

Alemu Asmamaw, another uncle, said the 31-year-old co-pilot Hailemedhin Abera used to call family members before his international trips, but had since stopped doing so and appeared to distance himself from his relatives.

He said the deceased uncle Emiru Seyoum taught at Ethi-

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"I fear that the death of his uncle ... has put a strain on his life." Alemu Asmamaw, another uncle of co-pilot Hailemedhin Abera

opia's Addis Ababa University. He did not say how Hailemedhin's uncle died.

An obituary for Emiru on the Addis Ababa University website only said the associate professor died suddenly

on Jan. 1 while going from his home to the university. It gave no details about how he died.

Hailemedhin, who had worked for Ethiopian Airlines for five years, on Mon-

day locked the pilot of a Rome-bound flight out of the cockpit and then as co-pilot diverted the plane to Geneva, where he used a rope to lower himself out of a window and then asked for political asylum.

The family was "extremely shocked" that Hailemedhin hijacked a plane, Alemu said, describing his nephew as "too proud of Ethiopian Airlines."

He said the pilot was a devout Christian who "even used to ask his father to pray for him to return safe" from international flights.

After he was arrested by Swiss authorities, police said Hailemedhin told them he felt "threatened" in Ethiopia. Police did not specify why or by whom he claimed to feel threatened.

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Portrait of artist as protester

Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei is seen in a photograph dropping a vase, part of his exhibit titled *According To What?*, at the new Perez Art Museum Miami on Tuesday. South Florida artist Maximo Caminero, 51, is facing a criminal charge after police say he smashed a \$1 million US vase by Weiwei on Sunday to protest what he called the art museum's favouritism for international rather than local art.

JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Chinese military woes

Larger soldiers a problem for army

China's military says its soldiers have grown an average of 2 centimetres taller and 5 centimetres wider around the waist over the past two decades.

It said the added heft is causing discomfort for soldiers as they try to squeeze into tanks designed 30 years ago, and accuracy problems with relatively shorter rifle barrels for the taller soldiers.

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Norwegian mass killer

Hunger strike for better PS2 games

Convicted Norwegian mass killer Anders Behring Breivik says in a letter sent to media, that he will go on a hunger strike until he dies unless he gets access to better video games, a sofa and a larger gym. He also wants the PlayStation 2 console replaced by a later version and more frequent phone calls than the 20 minutes he says he is given per week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pakistan. Ex-president Musharraf appears in court for the first time

Former Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf appeared Tuesday for the first time in front of a court tasked with deciding if he committed high treason, a sharp blow for the country's former strongman.

It's also a blow to the country's military establishment, which has led three coups since Pakistan's inception in 1947.

The court is to rule on a motion on its jurisdiction before formally indicting Musharraf.

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Musharraf's car in Islamabad Tuesday.
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Missouri

Pharmacy not dispensing for execution

A U.S. pharmacy will not provide a drug for an execution scheduled for next week in Missouri as part of a settlement with the death-row inmate's attorneys. It's

unclear if the deal will avoid the lethal injection.

As major drug makers stopped selling drugs for executions, states like Missouri turned to compounding pharmacies.

Under the deal, The Apothecary Shoppe agreed not to prepare or supply drugs for Taylor's execution.

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Uprooting the family for hope in medical marijuana



Matt Figi hugs his once severely ill young daughter, Charlotte, at a medical marijuana greenhouse in Colorado, on Feb. 7. BRENNAN LISLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Over 100 families relocated to Colorado. Unproven relief to epilepsy attracting people as far as Japan

Doctors were out of ideas to help five-year-old Charlotte Figi.

Suffering from a rare genetic disorder, she had as many as 300 grand mal seizures a week, used a wheelchair, went into repeated cardiac arrest and could barely speak.

Two years later, Charlotte is largely seizure-free and able to walk, talk and feed herself

Recovery

"She can walk and talk; she ate chili in the car."

Paige Figi, mother Charlotte, whose frequent epileptic seizures have been reduced with a pot-based remedy.

after taking oil infused with a special pot strain.

Her recovery has inspired both a name for the strain of marijuana she takes that is bred not to make users high (Charlotte's Web) and an influx of families with seizure-stricken children to move to Colorado from states that ban the drug.

Doctors warn there is no proof that Charlotte's Web is effective, or even safe.

In the frenzy to find the drug, there have been reports of non-authorized suppliers offering bogus strains of Charlotte's Web. In one case, a doctor said, parents were told they could replicate the strain by cooking marijuana in butter. Their child went into heavy seizures.

"We don't have any peer-reviewed, published literature to support it," Dr. Larry Wolk, the state health department's chief medical officer, said of Charlotte's Web.

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Tasered boy's guardian takes province to court

Traumatized. Claim alleges years in foster and group homes led to run-ins with police

The guardian of a British Columbia boy who was jolted by a police Taser while in government care is suing the province for subjecting him to neglect and abuse that a court document says left him traumatized.

A civil claim filed in B.C. Supreme Court alleges the boy, now 14, endured years of emotional and physical trauma living in foster homes and group homes across the province.

The suit says the Ministry of Children and Family Development consistently put

him in homes where he suffered emotional and physical abuse.

The Taser incident happened in April 2011, when he was 11, says the lawsuit. About a week after he moved into his sixth group home, he escaped into a nearby trailer and stabbed the group home manager with a steak knife.

RCMP were called. When he stepped outside, police fired the stun gun at him. The document alleges that happened because the government put the boy through living arrangements that "created a situation of isolation and anxiety."

The boy's traumatic childhood was documented in a scathing report last year by the province's children's watchdog. Representative Mary Ellen

Abuse and neglect

According to the lawsuit, the boy was born in an unsafe, abusive environment.

- At two, he was placed in foster care. At his second foster home he suffered three years of abuse, including confinement.
- Growing up in different foster or care homes, he became more aggressive and traumatized over the years, says the lawsuit.

Turpel-Lafond said the boy's suffering could have been prevented if the government had invested in proper residential care. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Thai police charge at Bangkok protesters

Riot police fire on anti-government protesters during clashes in Bangkok, Thailand, on Tuesday. Gun battles broke out yesterday as hundreds of riot police made their strongest attempt to clear anti-government protest sites around Thailand's capital. At least four people were killed and 64 others injured.

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Image control.

The International Olympic Committee is keeping an iron grip on advertising as the Games play out

Want to see the glasses and goggles that aerial skier Lydia Lassila and snowboarder Lind-

sey Jacobellis wore at the Sochi Olympics? If you go to the website of the company that manufactures their eyewear, you might be in for a shock.

On the Australian section of bolle.com, photos of Lassila, Jacobellis and other competitors at the Sochi Games have been digitally blurred to obscure their faces.

This isn't a throwback to the days when Soviet propaganda chiefs airbrushed people

out of photos. It's an extreme application of regulations meant to make sure that companies such as Bollé, which do not sponsor the Olympics, don't get to advertise off the back of them.

So the Olympics are a Pepsi-free zone, because Coca-Cola is an Olympic sponsor. In Sochi's Olympic Park, only Visa cards work for payments or in ATMs, again because Visa is a sponsor. At one Sochi venue, an Olympic

worker even slapped a white sticker over the Dell logo on a journalist's laptop, because the computer manufacturer isn't an Olympic sponsor.

For Olympians, the dense and confusing thicket of rules severely restricting advertising is a serious issue.

In theory, Olympians could be disqualified if they use the games to plug non-approved brands. The International Olympic Committee even

Athletes restricted

During the Sochi Olympics, the athletes can't let their images be used for any commercial advertising.

holds athletes responsible for how their sponsors behave outside the Olympic bubble.

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Pop. Coke's profits go flat, as soda sales fizzle

Coca-Cola's fourth-quarter profit fell as the world's biggest beverage maker once again sold less soda in North America.

The maker of Sprite, Dasani and Vitaminwater said Tuesday that sales volume declined 1 per cent in North America. That reflected a three per cent decline in soda, which offset improved performance by noncarbonated drinks such as Powerade. Last week, PepsiCo also said its soda volume fell in the "mid-single digits."

Coca-Cola also saw slower growth in emerging markets such as India and China. Overall, global sales volume rose just 1 per cent in the quarter as a result. The Atlanta-based company said it would intensify its cost-cutting to produce another \$1 billion US in savings by 2016, much of which would be reinvested into marketing.

"We know our business responds to marketing," CEO Muhtar Kent said in a call with reporters. While some jobs may be lost as a result of the cost cuts, he noted that other jobs might be created.

Although Coca-Cola and PepsiCo are tapping emerging markets for growth and sell a wide array of beverages, pressure is mounting for the two companies to figure out how to get soda sales moving in the right direction at home.

Americans have been cutting back on soda for years as beverage aisles have grown increasingly crowded with options such as Monster energy drinks or Sparkling ICE waters. Soda is also blamed for making people fat and, more recently, industry executives have blamed concerns about artificial sweeteners for a decline in sales of diet sodas.

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Novel idea. Wikipedia turns page, with books

Thanks to a crowd-funding campaign conducted through PediaPress, Wikipedia is set to take a retro twist with a set of printed books covering more than 4 million English-language articles over more than a million pages.

The volumes — which will contain all the original articles' mistakes and inaccuracies — will be unveiled at the Wikimedia conference later this year, and will then be displayed at a series of exhibitions. METRO WORLD NEWS



The Wikipedia books will be displayed later this year. METRO WORLD NEWS



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Mexico, Canada play nice ahead of Three Amigos summit



Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto as he arrives at the National Palace in Mexico City on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada and Mexico have sealed an agreement to expand air travel between the two countries and renewed their vows to foster mutual economic growth.

Ministers formally signed the travel deal Tuesday under the watchful eye of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto.

The two countries also renewed their long-standing "joint action plan" to foster economic growth, security, im-

migration and trade.

Harper's meeting with Peña Nieto will serve as a warm-up of sorts for Wednesday, when they join U.S. President Barack Obama in a North American leaders' summit.

Earlier in the day, as he met with Mexican business leaders, Harper said Canada needs to do more to close its trade deficit with Mexico while attracting more investment from its southern neighbour.

While the 20-year-old North American Free Trade Agree-

ment has fostered commercial growth between the two countries, there are still wrinkles to iron out, he suggested.

"It's a very unbalanced relationship," Harper said.

"Trade flows have gone up enormously, but mostly on the Mexican side. Investment flows have gone up enormously, but almost entirely on the Canadian side. So we probably want to take a look at what we can do to grow some of those things ... in a more balanced way."

In 2012, Canada imported

Thorn in side

The expanded air access agreement could be a precursor to Harper eventually lifting the controversial visa it slapped on Mexican travellers in 2009 to combat an increase of bogus asylum seekers.

\$25.5 billion from Mexico while Canada exported about \$5.4 billion to Mexico, Harper's office said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PUPPET MASTER PULLS HIS LAST STRING

Who's your favourite Muppet?

C'mon, I know you have one. Most people probably go with Miss Piggy, Kermit, Big Bird or Elmo.

Or maybe Bert & Ernie. There's an iconic New Yorker cover from the summer of Bert snuggling with Ernie, watching TV as the U.S. Supreme Court upholds gay marriage.

But I digress.

You can tell a lot about someone from his or her favourite Muppet. If you're a regular reader you're probably not surprised that I favour the wacky fringe Muppets (especially purple fringe), non-specific species such as Cookie Monster, Animal, Gonzo and the Swedish Chef.

And the Yeppers, multi-headed long-necked beasts that only say "Yep." The Yeppers get me every time.

But my favourite Muppet, hands down (pardon the puppet joke), is Sweetums. Sweetums is a nine-foot, hairy ogre with a big red nose and sharp teeth. Of course, like every Muppet, he's completely



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harmless, except if you're Kermit.

Sweetums is notorious for turning up whenever Kermit's around and announcing: "Sweetums eat frog now!" then giving chase. It's worth noting that in Muppetland, Kermit is still very much alive.

Which sadly, is not the case with Kermit and Sweetums' creator, Jim Henson, who died a tragic early death at 53 in 1990. Now his son John, a frequent Sweetums puppeteer and voice, has died of a heart attack at 48.

Jim Henson's death was particularly bizarre. He thought he had the flu, but very quickly became gravely ill and died of streptococcal toxic shock syndrome. Jim's wife and John's mother Jane died last year, suffering from cancer and paralysis, at 78.

John, who grew up in the family business, is re-

membered as an artist with an eye for detail, which he inherited from his dad.

It is a sad irony that this family who brought so much joy to the world has experienced so much suffering.

The family business will continue, but with John's death, I wonder if it will continue to be centred in the sly, generous satire that has elevated the Muppets beyond mere foolery. Like Fraggle Rock, which Henson produced in Toronto for a syndicate that included the CBC. Fraggle Rock was populated by a ridiculous sub-species called the Doozers; green, six-inch, dough-like creatures complete with hard hats who tirelessly and mindlessly erected structures that the Fraggles would absent-mindedly break off and snack on, which didn't faze the Doozers, as it kept them gainfully employed. A wonderfully wry and ridiculous commentary on relationships, mindful or otherwise.

The Muppets may be the only show with built-in critics, Statler and Waldorf, two irascible old grouches who sit in the balcony and carp amusingly about the proceedings.

So there's more to the Muppets than the letter A or the number 1. In fact even the number 1 comes with a purple vampire, Count von Count, who "loves to count."

I hope there's a heaven. Of course, if there isn't, the Hensons will just build it and populate it with the marvellous products of their remarkable imaginations. They're that good.

ZOOM

Does this look familiar?



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It's really not as high as it looks

What's this, London's under siege from savage-looking marauders? No, silly, it's just The Wall from the hit series Game of Thrones. HBO commissioned artists 3D Joe and Max to recreate the famed 480-kilometres-long and 215-metres-tall wall, in Bishop's Square, to celebrate the release of season three on DVD and Blu-ray. **METRO**

Get your climbing crampons on

The Wall, protected by the Night's Watch, keeps the evil White Walkers at bay. Londoners are encouraged to "scale" the wall like character Jon Snow. Fans of the U.S.-owned HBO program, who would prefer to stay in the comfort of their own home, haven't got long to wait for season four of the show, which is due to air in early April. **METRO**

Artists' view

"We knew we had to do something really special to match the sheer scale of this phenomenal TV show that has swept the globe."

Joe Hill, founder of 3D Joe and Max

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With news that athletes are using Tinder to hook up in Sochi's Olympic Village, it seems we've reached a peak in dating apps. There are now a host of apps that fuse technology and flirting, letting you find partners based on location, dietary preferences or how many mutual connections you have on LinkedIn. However, if you find yourself bored, give these hookup apps a spin.

Wingman:

Billing itself as Tinder for the mile-high club, this app lets you flirt with your fellow airplane passengers. The app has yet to launch, but it promises to work over Bluetooth, just in case your 3G service conks out at 30,000 feet.

Kimye:

This iPhone dating simulator puts you inside Kanye's leather jogging pants as

he tries to woo Kim Kardashian. Options include dropping a new record to get her attention.

Spreadsheets:

If you've ever found yourself exclaiming that your sex life needs more data analysis, then this cleverly-titled app is for you. Using your phone's microphone and accelerometer, the app determines how successful your coital encounter was.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Russia's panties are in a twist over lacy lingerie trade ban. What type of clothing would you ban?

@igor_mariano: crocs

@Canucklehead_ca: Speedos. Oh, and whatever this is called - the Borat?

@GeeDubayou: UGGs and yoga pants.

@Mystz: anything from the 80's! :-P

@Metro_DK: Skinny jeans with the arse hanging to the ground. #ban-them

@EvanDentremont: yoga pants if

not actually doing yoga. Likewise for hockey jerseys.

@mtlkeith: 70,s leisure wear. :(((

@CJBondo: I think the real article deserving a ban are the pants sported by the Russian curling team.

@WillyRBeek: anything and everything with the Montreal Canadians logo printed on it.

@sarahrhbeichi: cargo shorts, yuck

@ctmwyn: I'd gladly bid farewell to leggings as pants. #BuhByeOver-sharers

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Pompeii actioner latest flick to rake over the ancient ashes

Rebirth of Vesuvius.

It's the volcanic mount that keeps on erupting, as Resident Evil director offers up his sword-and-sandal take



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It's said the people of Pompeii regarded the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. with "a response more of curiosity than of alarm." The volcano had burped and belched as many as 50 times over the years, so most of the city's 20,000 citizens didn't pay attention when Vesuvius started to gurggle.

Perhaps they were too busy visiting one of the city's many brothels — like a proto-Las Vegas, this was the richest city of ancient times, ripe with amenities and vice — or enjoying their lunches of broad beans, olives, dormice (plumped up by chefs in terracotta jars) or even garum, made from the first blood of a still-gasping mackerel, to detect the cloud of deadly volcanic ash headed their way.

By the end of the day the dust "poured across the land," claiming 2,000 lives. Buried beneath, "a darkness... like the black of closed and unlighted rooms." The remains of Pompeii and its people were preserved, left untouched for two millennia.

Today the ancient city of Pompeii is one of the most



Paul W.S. Anderson's Pompeii burns with love as a slave-turned-gladiator tries to save his girl from eternal preservation. CONTRIBUTED

Sending up the doom and gloom

"I say, Lurcio, how did my speech go?"

"Master, you brought the house down!"

Conversation between emperor and servant in the 1971 comedy Up Pompeii.

popular attractions in Italy, drawing almost three million tourists annually. But if you can't make it to the Italian region of Campania, a new movie aims to recreate the experience for you.

Pompeii stars Kit Harington, Carrie-Anne Moss, Emily

Browning and Kiefer Sutherland in a love story about a slave-turned-gladiator (Harington) who must rescue his beloved, Cassia (Browning), before a rolling mountain of lava and ash dooms her to the ages.

The big action adventure take on the story directed by

Resident Evil helmer Paul W.S. Anderson has an ancestor in The Last Days of Pompeii, a 1913 silent sword-and-sandal movie based on the Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton novel of the same name. That book has been remade eight times.

The most famous version came in 1959. The big budget CinemaScope production was to have been directed by Mario Bonnard, but when he fell ill on the first day of shooting, screenwriter Sergio Leone (who would go on to make classics like The Good, the Bad and the Ugly) stepped in. It's big on

pageantry, just as the advertising taglines would suggest. It's a "Fiery Summit of Spectacle," the posters screamed, promising an inside look at, "the City that Lived in Sin and Died in Flame!"

Certainly it's more puffed-up than Up Pompeii, a 1971 Frankie Howerd comedy that featured a speech by emperor Ludicrus Sextus during Vesuvius' eruption.

"I say, Lurcio, how did my speech go?" he asks his servant as the city crumbles.

"Master, you brought the house down!"

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Gardens & Villa ride new wave to Dunes

Synth-pop. New album adds electronic vibe to psychedelic base

About three and half hours west of Detroit sits the small town of Benton Harbor. There, in the dead of winter, five Southern California natives and well-known British producer Tim Goldsworthy holed up in a locksmith building-turned-music studio to create Gardens & Villa's new album, *Dunes*.

After 30 days of recording, during which countless nights were spent watching Chinese cinema and listening to copious amounts of Prince, the group fashioned an album that reveals a significant progression towards a more new wave sound. While *Dunes* preserves Gardens & Villa's flute, keyboard, and synth-driven melodies, an added electronic vibe thrusts their new album into a realm of organic and nostalgic rhythms.

"A lot of our songs come from jams. We'll get to the space, get inspired by whatever means we find necessary and

record these blown-out iPhone recordings that are 12 minutes long," says synth player Adam Rasmussen. "The trick is keeping it pure once you have the ability to start layering stuff."

Since their self-titled debut in 2011, Gardens & Villa has garnered popularity. A popularity that not only carried them into the highly regarded arms of indie label Secretly Canadian, but landed them an opening slot for The Shins and led to their most recent, and otherwise unlikely opportunity to work with Goldsworthy, who is best known for his work with Cut Copy and LCD Soundsystem.

"When we first Skyped with him it was kind of like, 'what the f—! I'm really talking to Tim Goldsworthy right now?'" says Rasmussen of his first meeting with the producer.

After having seen a live video, Goldsworthy was immediately charmed by the band's funky dance music.

"I remember him saying that in a music industry that has become so far weighted to electronic and dance music

Worthy of Goldsworthy

Things in the studio were often hectic and impromptu, with Tim Goldsworthy at helm of all its chaos.

- "He's kind of in another realm," says Adam Rasmussen. "He's sharp and focused for all the tracking, but at the same time he's cueing up random songs or films that he thinks might be resonating with our performances. He has a way of thinking about the bigger picture and what kind of final touches are going to be necessary for a track. He's brilliant and pretty eccentric."

made by one producer, we were there making the same type of danceable music, but as a band," says Rasmussen. "He was eager to make a band record as opposed to the electronic projects he's been involved with over the years."

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Gardens & Villa worked with British producer Tim Goldsworthy to create new album *Dunes*. NEIL FAVILA

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Wild Cub find maturity in Youth

Nashville bound. Why Keegan DeWitt left the indie-pop mecca of Brooklyn for the South

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Most people looking to get a band off the ground move to Brooklyn. Keegan DeWitt got the hell out.

The Wild Cub front man had spent the better part of eight years living in New York, working as a composer for commercials and film soundtracks — and successfully, at that. (Inocente, an Oscar-winning short documentary, for which he composed the score, was nominated for an Academy Award in 2013.) Still, he struggled to make ends meet.

"I spent a lot of my time learning how to bankroll living in New York, which is just such a big waste of effort," he says.

"I feel like I got a lot out of my time there, and New York is such a fundamental part of who I am now, and it shaped me as a person a lot, but at some point, I was like, 'I'm succeeding half-way at my artistic career, and I'm only putting 50 per cent of my effort into my day job, and not being very good at that. Maybe I should go to Nashville, where I can put 100 per cent toward pursuing my art.'"

So he did. Brooklyn might be the unofficial indie music capital of the U.S., but it's also saturated with fairly interchangeable young bands struggling to establish themselves.

That's one thing that drew DeWitt away from Brooklyn and towards Nashville.

"The music business is changing, and that's one of the places that it's maybe changing in a good way," he says.

"In Nashville, there's a strong burden of proof, in terms of having to write songs that have content to them. There are such long lines of songwriters that come from there that really write songs, legit songs. If there's anything that modern music is missing, at the moment, especially hip indie music, it's actual songs. So that's one cool thing. You're getting people that are really experimenting with new ways of making music but at the



Keegan DeWitt, left, hooked up with a multi-instrumentalist to form Wild Cub when he moved to Nashville. ALLISTER ANN

Solitary job vs. collaborating



Shifting from the solitary job of composing soundtracks to collaborating with bandmates can't be the easiest transition, but DeWitt says it's been an exciting change of pace.

- "The nice thing about composing is that you can use restraint. You can just hit a single note and it can have a huge ripple effect if it's paired with the right thing, timing-wise," he says.

- "With a band you can also do something else. It's like at any moment that's been really big in your life, there's never been just one

single emotion that comes. It's not one-dimensional, it's a multitude of things. You're happy, but you're also terrified, but you also feel invincible, but also crippled by the pressure of whether or not you can do something. A band gives you the ability to tackle a lot more nuanced emotions... You can dig at that more complex stuff."

same time understand what it means to tell a narrative using the structure of the song."

Plus, the cost of living down South is just cheaper. "I kept looking around in Brooklyn going, how in the f— are you guys paying for this?" he laughs. "Are we all on trust funds, because I know I'm not. How are you doing this? Just hanging out and being in a band?"

These days, just hanging out and being in a band is pretty much DeWitt's main occupation. In Nashville, he hooked up with multi-instrumentalist Jeremy Bullock to form Wild Cub, a fuzzed-out, synth-pop quintet whose debut album, *Youth*, dropped earlier this year.

Wild Cub might not yet be a household name, but most people are likely familiar with their single *Thunder Clatter*, an ode to DeWitt's wife (whom he

married right around the same time he started writing *Youth*) buoyed by uptempo percussion and balmy beats.

Learning to play well with others hasn't been an entirely seamless transition for DeWitt.

"I think one thing is true that, as the person who has to sing it every night, it's difficult to connect with things that you haven't written the entirety of," he says. "It's like in a play, you can do a certain amount of preparation as an actor, but things really start to take on a dynamic when you interact with somebody else. That's where the drama takes place, and I like to think that some of that is true in terms of me having to collaborate with band members."

That said, DeWitt isn't interested in stealing the show. "I think in general, every year that I get older, the less I desire to be the main person that everyone is looking at. I try and think of it more as a literal thing, like it's my job to be just one more piece of what's happening on stage, in terms of how we're telling the story to people, and the urgency or drama or physicality that

I bring to it is all in service of helping people connect with the songs in a more immediate way."

At 31, DeWitt has developed a fairly mature perspective on life. But he stresses that *Youth* isn't about any kind of nostalgia for where he's been, or what he could have done.

"You look around, and you just start to see all the people around you being shaped by a very simple thing — either them getting exactly what they wanted, or them not getting what they thought they deserved or wanted in life," he explains. "I was afraid that, through the refinement of growing up, you learn to either close yourself or open up, and that I was going to miss the one thing that I was desiring in my life, which was to meet someone to pair my life with. That I was going to shut myself off because of all the disappointments of growing up and getting older, and miss the one thing that I actually wanted. But there's a lot more a celebration (in the album) of 'Wow, somehow I navigated that, and here is this person.'"

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Wild Cub frontman Keegan DeWitt

Sabrina the Teenage Witch star says she was wild at Hart, just never got caught



Melissa Joan Hart ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

When she was a teen star, Melissa Joan Hart enjoyed a fairly squeaky-clean image, but now she admits it was just easier to hide things back then. "It wasn't that I wasn't a bad girl or that I was too much of a good girl, it was that I never got caught," the former Sabrina, the Teenage Witch star explains to Giuliana Rancic in an interview. For example? The night before her first photo shoot for Maxim magazine, Hart let her hair down in a big way. "You're in underwear, so I was feeling a little shy. I actually ended

up rolling with some friends, doing ecstasy and going in a limo to my first Playboy Mansion party," she says. And she also admits that she found then-17-year-old co-star Ryan Reynolds a bit too hard to resist when they filmed the Sabrina, the Teenage Witch TV movie — especially after Reynolds gave her a Bulova watch as a wrap gift. "I chased him down, got in front of his car and just kissed him and then made out with him all night. Then I had to call my boyfriend the next day and explain it," she says.

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Look what the Cat dragged in: Ariana Grande to duet with Chris Brown

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Metro World News

Today in terrible ideas: Pop starlet Ariana Grande is apparently recording a duet with dreadful human Chris Brown. The two teased their fans on Twitter with what appear to be lyrics from an upcoming collaboration:

"I dug a single seed into the ground, I hope it grows"



— Chris Brown (@chrisbrown)
Feb. 16, 2014

"in a year or two if you're around, you'll see a rose"

— Ariana Grande (@Ariana-Grande) Feb. 16, 2014

After a fan inquired, Ariana confirmed that it's an upcoming song.

Why anyone would think this could be good for Ariana's career is beyond me. The star of Nickelodeon's Sam & Cat, who has such a squeaky clean image that she regularly wears a bow in her hair without a whiff of irony, should not be anywhere near Rihanna-battering human rage ball Chris Brown. Both for career reasons and for her personal safety.

On the bright side, judging by those lyrics, the song will be very bad, so at least I won't have to feel guilty about wanting to download it.

Twilight star tired of playing fame game



Robert Pattinson

Looks like Shia LaBeouf has some company, as Twilight star Robert Pattinson "doesn't want to be famous anymore," a friend of the actor tells Radar Online. "The cost of fame is the thing he and (ex-girlfriend) Kristen (Stewart) used to complain about all day, that hasn't changed at all for him" since their split. So Pattinson "is looking at a whole new approach to his future and is even considering going to theatre school," the pal claims. "Rob's been talking to a lot of independent filmmakers, and the last thing he wants to do is act in another blockbuster. He would like to direct a movie one day." Because directors, of course, aren't famous.



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Check into the 19th-century-palace-turned-boutique-hotel Único Madrid, then get your retail fix right in this upscale neighbourhood, Salamanca. At the Museo del Prado, see works from Goya, Velázquez and Rembrandt, then next door, enjoy more than 30,000 plants and flowers at Real Jardín Botánico de Madrid. For dinner, walk from Único to Oter Epicure (order the melt-in your-mouth Iberico ham).

Day two

Spend a quiet morning at the leafy Parque del Retiro. For a tapas lunch (pimientos de padron and tortilla, anyone?), hit up Mercado de San Miguel. Take the subway to Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas for a self-guided tour of this



Catch a sunset in Barcelona on your whirlwind tour. MOYAN BRENN/FICKR

historic bullfighting ring. Snap some requisite photos in Plaza Mayor, the square at the centre of the city, then tour Palacio Real, where the grand decor and paintings from Giordano, Tiepolo and Velázquez will make you want to live like royalty.

Day three

With your Eurail pass — which connects trains run by national train operators in 27 European countries — go to Atocha station, and take a moment to take in its stunning tropical garden. Hop on a high-speed train (some of which can travel as fast as 355 km/hr) and arrive two and a half hours later in Barcelona. Drop your bags at the modern Hotel Indigo.



Get your retail fix with shopping in Madrid. MOYAN BRENN/FICKR

Stroll pedestrian boulevard La Rambla. When peckish, stop at La Boqueria market for warm mushroom salad and pulpo gallega. Fit in one Gaudi site — Parc Güell if it's nice out or Casa Batlló if the

weather is inclement.

Day four

Head to La Sagrada Família early to beat the crowds at this unfinished Gaudi masterpiece. Afterwards,

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take the metro to Barceloneta. Grab a seafood lunch in this fisherman's quarter, then stroll down Passeig Joan de Borbó and kick back for the rest of the day at Platja de la Barceloneta.

Day five

Board a Paris-bound high-speed train with your Eurail pass and arrive six and a half hours later. Check into the conveniently located Millennium Hotel Paris Opéra. Grab a bite at Café Diane in the pretty Tuileries Garden, then with a list of your must-see pieces of art in hand, make a quick visit to the Louvre.

Day six

A quick stop by the Eiffel Tower is a must, non? Afterwards, if it's Wednesday or Sunday, pick up delicious provisions at nearby Marché du Pont de l'Alma. From here, take a Bateau Mouche ride for a fantastic view of the city. Next, walk the crooked narrow streets in Le Marais and stumble upon historic buildings, including the beautiful Place des Vosges. At night, a drink in the buzzy Saint-Germain-des-Près neighbourhood at Les Deux Magots or Café de Flore will complete your quickie trip.

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Take a walk on the wizard side

Universal Orlando. Theme park gets set to launch attractions guaranteed to make muggles happy

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What's old is new — or at least re-imagined — again at Universal Orlando Resort in Florida. Many of the park's attractions are getting pop-culture injections and technological facelifts to keep up with visitors' expectations to be amazed, entertained and, of course, well fed.

Central to the park's changes is the recent unveiling of Diagon Alley, the secret London side street only accessible to the wizarding world in Harry Potter. Even muggles — humans without special powers, for anyone not familiar with the world of Potter — can soon shop where Hogwarts students purchase their

school supplies.

Mark Woodbury, vice-president of Universal Creative, gave the Toronto Star and Metro Canada an exclusive Canadian sneak peek behind the closely guarded security fence of the still-under-construction attraction, which opens this summer.

Created by author J.K. Rowling, Diagon Alley is a hidden road in modern London open only to wizards. The tilting buildings in the alley are the setting of some of the most exciting scenes in the Potter series.

"When people come in they are going to have a first impression of something that is totally mind-boggling," said Woodbury.

Still emerging from the sand-covered ground, punctuated by scaffolding, concrete and wiring, is a scaled-down London, complete with Kings Cross and Charing Cross railway stations, Leicester Square and Wyndham's Theatre. Park guests will walk through one of the city's brick walls and into the magical alley — the

details of how are a secret.

Inside the park, visitors will eat at the Leaky Cauldron, visit Ollivanders Wand Shop or buy a novelty item at the Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes. At the far end of the alley is the goblin-operated Gringotts Wizarding Bank; a large fire-breathing dragon will be perched on the roof of the building.

It will also be home to Universal Orlando's newest ride, Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts. "It really brings to life the movie," Woodbury said.

Diagon Alley is the second Harry Potter-related experience at Universal's Orlando parks. In 2010, it opened The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, located in Islands of Adventure, which welcomes visitors to Hogwarts castle and the Scottish mountain village of Hogsmeade.

Park guests will soon be shuttled between the two sites onboard the Hogwarts Express. Leaving King's Cross Station, the train will travel along an elevated track through the concrete build-

ings and paved roads of the anything-but-Potter-like Universal backlot before arriving at the gate of Hogsmeade. Information about the length, time and cost of the trip are as safely guarded as the recipe for butterbeer, a popular drink at The Wizarding World.

Woodbury said special technology, details of which were not part of the announcement, will make passengers think they are travelling through the hedged English countryside and rugged Scottish hills when they look out the train's windows. "Physically it is in the park, but the experience is truly in another place," he said. "It is a dramatic experience."

A spell of change is also being cast at The Wizarding World. Woodbury says Zonko's Joke Shop in Hogsmeade will be incorporated into the soon-to-open Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes in Diagon, giving room for the neighbouring Honeydukes — a sweet shop — to expand.

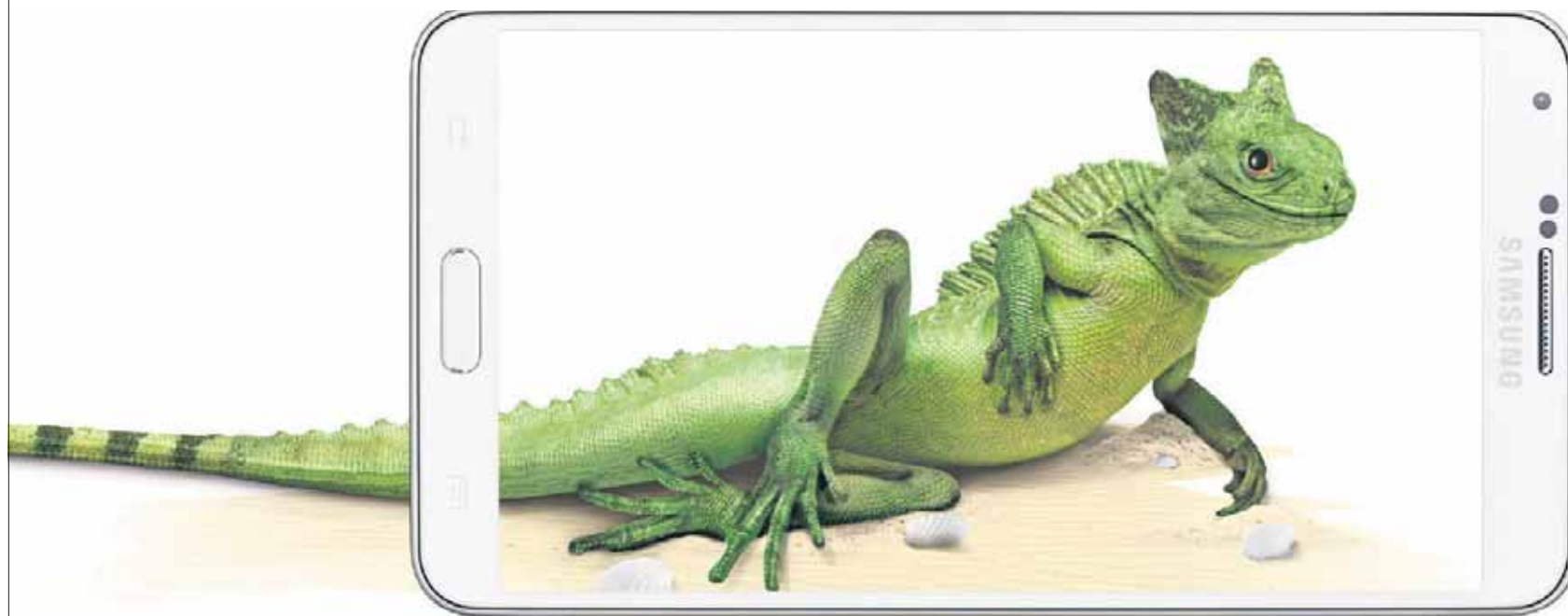
The Potter plans are just the latest in a series of updates to

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Universal's two parks. When it opened in 1999, the Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man broke new ground with dark-ride tricks and motion simulation. To keep a rider's Spidey sense tingling, it underwent a hi-def redo two years ago.

Over in Springfield (state unknown) U.S.A., resort chef Steven Jayson, who helped bring butterbeer to the masses, has developed a menu of food inspired by the Simpsons TV series. Park visitors can saddle up next to Barney at Moe's Tavern for a Flaming Moe or Duff beer or enjoy a burger at Krusty Burger. Chicken and waffles are a popular choice at Cleatus' Chicken Shack, while Lard Lad Donuts offers pie-sized doughnuts topped in pink icing.



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Guests will be able to stroll down Diagon Alley at Universal this summer. CONTRIBUTED

A Cabana to call home. New resort a nostalgic riff on the family road trip



Fun for the whole family awaits at the Cabana Bay Beach Resort. CONTRIBUTED

Universal Orlando is recreating the classic family road trip with its newest hotel complex, the Cabana Bay Beach Resort. Located steps from the park, the design was inspired by mid-century hotels such as those in the Wildwood, N.J., historic resort district.

The property

The north end of the property is slated to open March 31, and features 600 rooms that are spread over three open-corridor buildings, each named after an iconic hotel: the Starlight, Castaway and Thunderbird.

The pool area

The three buildings surround a 10,000-square-foot pool, with a dive tower-inspired fountain, 17 cabanas and the Atomic Tonic pool bar. The south end of the hotel will feature 1,200 rooms in two seven-story towers with a similar-sized pool area between them.

Entertainment

A ramp leads from the pool areas of both wings into the upper floor of the main building—avoiding the lobby altogether—where guests will find a fitness centre, games room, bowling alley and cafeteria-style eating at Bayliner Diner.

Family friendly

The rooms are designed with families in mind. A sliding wall separates the two-bed sleeping area from a small sitting area, complete with a queen size pullout. The bathroom is separated into a toilet, shower and sink area, so multiple family members can get ready at once. The suites also come with a small kitchenette with microwave and fridge.

Cabana Bay Beach Resort will open this summer. A standard room will rent for roughly \$119 US a night, and the suites for \$174 US.

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Heritage sites. There's a lot to be gleaned from booking a tour at these historic locations



ON THE MOVE
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Black History Month is a time to learn about and celebrate the achievements of people of African descent in Canada and around the world. I chatted with Rosemary Sadlier, the president of the Ontario Black History Society, about Canada's most important black heritage sites.

Why is Black History Month important?

We still do not have a required black history curriculum for students and

there remain issues with inclusion and diversity that can best be addressed by knowledge and awareness.

Where should people visit to learn more?

Africville was a black community in Halifax begun perhaps as early as following the War of 1812, and torn apart by city officials for the development of the area. The last home was torn down by 1970 and there remains no development, only a cairn dedicated to the memory of the families that had lived there for generations. A National Historic Site since 1996, it is located next to the base of Halifax's MacKay Bridge. The Black Cultural Centre in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, is a wonderful site to visit for more information on Nova Scotia's Black history.

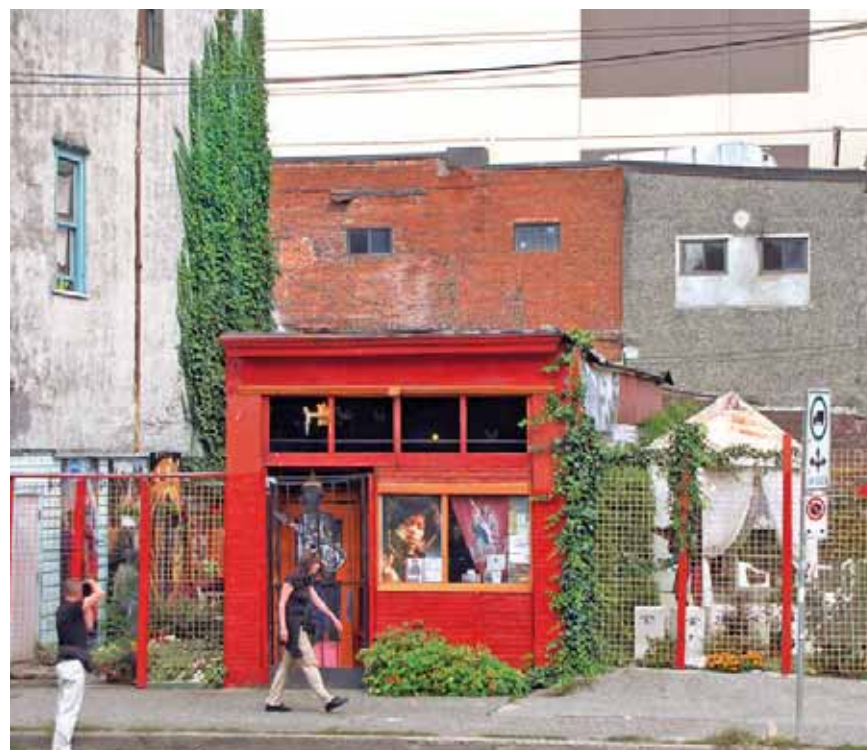
Hogan's Alley was a Vancouver community founded

by blacks invited into the area around the time of the gold rush and was a bustling business and cultural area. Jimi Hendrix's mother and grandmother lived in this area. It was mostly destroyed by development but people can still visit the Jimi Hendrix shrine, located on the corner of Union and Main. The shrine is housed in a restaurant that was run by Jimi's grandmother.

The southwestern part of Ontario is also rich in black history and I would suggest the North American Black Historical Museum in Amherstburg, since it was one of the first museums to come into being. Near Windsor, Ont., this site is connected to a historic black church and is near Fort Malden.

Are there tours you can take to learn more?

Much African Canadian history has been lost due



Hogan's Alley in Vancouver was the home of Jimi Hendrix's mother and grandmother, and people can still visit the Jimi Hendrix shrine there. LACAFERATA/FLICKR

to many factors including urbanization. We have a Discover Black History in Toronto tour that has been

taken by tourists, students and others in order to learn, to see the areas, to better understand the history that

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Havana nods to its glitzy gangster past

Capri Hotel. The place where Mafiosi rested their weary heads gets a facelift for tourists

In its heyday, Havana's Capri hotel and casino was the playground of men known as The Blade and The Fat Butcher. It was also a pleasure garden for headline stars who portrayed Mafiosi on the silver screen: George Raft, known for hoodlum roles such as Guino Rinaldo in 1932's *Scarface*, was the casino's celebrity "greeter" and made his home in the 19th-floor penthouse.

Havana's hedonistic mob-and-movie-star days came to an end with Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, and the hotel drifted into a long, slow decline. But now the Capri is back in business after being closed more than a decade ago. Its rebirth is part of Cuba's latest bid to trade on its colourful pre-Communist



The Capri Hotel has been restored to its former glory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

past and attract tourist dollars to fund its socialist present.

"It's a feeling of that era (at the Capri). I think in Cuba you feel that in general," said Roberto Escalante, a 62-year-old Mexican university professor who was staying in the hotel this month during an academic conference. "It's very comfortable. It's missing some services still, but yes, you feel like you're

back in those times — which were good!" Indeed, details such as the Capri's polished, art-deco granite floors with their flowery bronze inlays fit right into a city that still teems with finned Chevrolet and Cadillac classics. So do the graceful copper-colored lobby chandeliers, which like the floors are restored originals.

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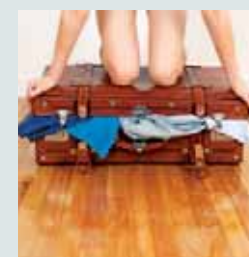


Soap recycling

Here's something to think about the next time you scoop hotel shampoos into your suitcase. Florida-based charity Clean the World collects and recycles hotel amenities discarded by the hospitality industry, sending them to homeless shelters and countries in need. Learn how you can help at cleantheworld.com.

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How-to



Organize your suitcase

1. Gather up old shoe bags and pack one with gadget adapters, one for underwear, one for socks, etc. 2. When you arrive at your hotel, just take these bags out of your suitcase and put them directly in drawers. There's no need to unpack each one. 3. This makes for both a fast unpack — and an even faster re-pack.

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Slow-Cooked Lasagna. Prep this before you leave for work and come home to a delicious meal that just needs a salad



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Let your slow cooker do the work and come home to this easy, heartwarming Simple Slow-Cooked Lasagna.

Swap in other greens or cooked vegetables to change things up.

This recipe works best in an oval- or rectangle-shaped

slow cooker. If you're using a round slow cooker, you may need to break up the lasagna sheets a bit more.

1. Lightly spray inside of slow cooker with cooking spray.

2. In nonstick skillet, brown beef, breaking up with spoon. Scrape out beef into a colander and let drain. Wipe out skillet and return to medium heat; cook beef, onion, garlic, oregano and hot pepper flakes 5 minutes

or until softened. Add passata and water and remove from heat.

3. In a bowl, stir together ricotta cheese, spinach, basil and Parmesan cheese.

4. Spread some of the meat sauce over bottom of slow cooker. Lay lasagna noodles in a single layer, breaking as necessary to fit. Top with one quarter of the sauce and one third of the cheese mixture. Repeat layers twice ending with meat sauce on top.



This recipe makes eight servings. HEALTH CANADA

5. Cover the slow cooker and cook on Low for 6 to 8 hours or on High for 3 to 4 hours. About 15 minutes be-

fore serving lasagna, sprinkle mozzarella over top, cover and let cook on Low until melted.

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Ingredients

- 227 g (8 oz) extra lean ground beef
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced

- 10 ml (2 tsp) dried oregano
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot pepper flakes
- 1 jar (700 ml) tomato passata
- 250 ml (1 cup) water

- 1 tub (475 g) 1% cottage or light ricotta cheese
- 1 pkg (142 g/5 oz) baby spinach, chopped

- 60 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh basil or parsley
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated Parmesan cheese

- 10 whole wheat or regular lasagna noodles
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shredded part skim mozzarella

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Turn to your friends and family

"I know a guy/girl who would be great for you. What do you say, will you let me set you two up? Come on, you know you want to."

Sometimes, your friends and family know you even better than you know yourself. It may be a good idea to seriously consider their suggestions.

They may know someone who would really jive with your sense of humour. Or they may have insight into a job that would really highlight your skills, even if you yourself are not aware that you possess those skills.

Before your friends can let you know about a job or dating opportunity, they need to know that you're looking, so be sure to let your social network know that you're on the lookout for a new job.

Know the difference between love and lust

Lust is finding a prospective



There is no such thing as perfection — in a job or a mate. If you continue to seek it, you will never be satisfied.

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date on a website, and falling for their pictures without much regard for their profile. Lust is also being attracted to a job posting with a fancy title, without giving much consideration to the job description.

Looks aren't everything. If you stick to the surface, don't be surprised if it turns out that the date or job wasn't the greatest match for you.

Do you share any common interests with your

date? Are you excited about a company's culture and values? These are the factors that count. Dig deep to find out if you're compatible.

Perfection isn't all it's cracked up to be

"I'm really picky." Everyone has dealbreakers, traits or factors that they simply can not be happy with. You shouldn't settle, but if you're too picky, you might end up passing up great

opportunities. Flexibility is an important part of all healthy relationships and job searches. If you think you've found perfection, you're in for a rude awakening someday.

Make a list of your dealbreakers, and give careful thought as to why they are on that list. Though your list will be highly individual, it's a good idea to share it with a trusted friend. Discussing and reflecting might lead you to realize

Let love grow

What if you've found a partner or job, but you're not sure that they're the "one" for you?

- Sometimes, "like" can grow into "love." Take your time before concluding that a romantic partner or job isn't right for you. Before throwing in the towel, communicate with your partner or employer — express what you need from them to feel more fulfilled. Do you need more support? More challenges? They just might listen to you and work with your needs. Now that's a sure sign of a relationship worth saving.
- Finding a job you love, like finding a partner, involves effort and planning. Enlist your friends, dig deep to discover true compatibility, be flexible, leave no stone unturned and put in an effort to turn "like" into "love."

that some things are not as important to you as you initially thought.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket; diversify your

search

You're never going to find your soulmate if you keep looking in the same bar week after week.

You might find him or her there, but you increase your chances of finding a better match sooner if you look in several different places.

There are many ways to find your soulmate: through a friend, at an event, on a dating website, or through social media are among the most popular. Likewise, friends, networking events, career websites such as TalentEgg.ca and social media conversations are all effective ways of securing a job you'll love.

When you're conducting searches, be both broad and specific. Consider becoming active on mainstream dating websites as well as sites for groups that you consider yourself a part of. Look for jobs on general job search websites and those targeted to your desired career. Of course, don't forget to frequently check TalentEgg.ca for student and recent grad opportunities.

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Speedskating

Canadians find silver lining on short track

It was a bittersweet day for Canada's Olympic short-track speedskating team.

Gold-medal hopeful Charles Hamelin crashed out of the 500-metre heats on Tuesday, but within the hour Canada's women's 3,000-metre relay team won a silver medal.

South Korea won gold in the women's relay with a time of four minutes 9.498 seconds, followed closely by China. However, the Chinese were disqualified because their skaters did not immediately leave the track after passing off to their teammates.

That bumped the Canadian team of Marie-Ève Drolet, Jessica Hewitt, Valérie Maltais and Marianne St-Gelais up from third place. Canada's final time was 4:10.641.

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Canada's Marie-Ève Drolet reacts upon learning her team won the silver medal in the women's 3,000-metre relay.

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Snowstorm no match for Riddle's twists

Ski halfpipe. Alberta freestyle skier conquers challenging conditions to win silver medal in Olympic debut of competition

A big blast of winter weather finally arrived at the Sochi Games on Tuesday night, dumping a big helping of thick snow just in time for the Olympic debut of the men's ski halfpipe competition.

The challenging conditions didn't faze Canada's Mike Riddle at all. The veteran freestyle skier stuck with his plan to unveil a new combination for his final run and it helped him win a silver medal.

"I managed to link together some tricks that I haven't done before," Riddle said. "I couldn't be happier with the result."

Riddle hit for the first time back-to-back double cork 1260's — three and-a-half rotations with two twists per trick — and it was enough to wow the judges at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park. The rest of his run was clean and it earned him a score of 90.60 points.

"Just to be here is unbelievable and then to get a medal

... I'm speechless," he said.

American David Wise took the gold with a total of 92.00 and Kevin Rolland of France won bronze with 88.60 points. Calgary's Noah Bowman finished fifth while Justin Dorey of Vernon, B.C., missed jumps in both his final runs and ended up 12th.

Riddle won a world title in 2011 and took the overall World Cup crown last season.

"I did have more in the arsenal that I wanted to bring out but conditions made it kind of impossible to maintain speed," he said.

Riddle had reached the top 10 in his last 12 competitions entering the Games. He was sixth after a mediocre first run.

"You had to land really high on the transitions to be able to maintain speed for your next trick in order to link together your run," he said. "So if you weren't perfect, you were done, basically. Every trick had to be pretty much perfect."

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Remembering Sarah Burke

"It's awesome to be here but I know that she should be here, too."

Mike Riddle, on freestyle skiing trailblazer Sarah Burke, who died in a training accident in 2012.



Canadian Mike Riddle, of Sherwood Park, Alta., performs a trick in the men's ski halfpipe competition on Tuesday in Sochi. MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY IMAGES

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Defending champs sit behind U.S.

Women's bobsled.

Canadians 0.23 seconds back, but they aren't stressing the numbers

Kaillie Humphries and Heather Moyse don't know how much work they still have to do if they want to defend their Olympic title.

It's just the way they like it.

Calgary's Humphries and Moyse, from Summerside, P.E.I., sit 0.23 seconds behind leaders Elana Meyers and Lauryn Williams of the United States after a pair of runs Tuesday.

"We don't really look at times so I don't even know

how big the gap is. And we don't want to know," said Humphries.

The gap isn't insurmountable, but the pair will need Meyers and Williams to slow down during Wednesday's final two runs after the Americans set a start and track record of 57.26 seconds in their first heat.

Meyers and Williams finished with a combined time of 1:54.89, just better than the 1:55.12 mark set by Humphries and Moyse.

Humphries wasn't going to be bothered by what she didn't know.

"We just try to have fun. Knowing where other people are just complicates that," she said.

Another American sled was third, with Jamie Greubel and Aja Evans 0.56 seconds behind their teammates.

Edmonton's Jenny Ciochetti and Chelsea Valois of Zenon Park, Sask., were 13th.

Humphries and Moyse, who took gold at the 2010 Vancouver Games, were favourites to repeat after winning three World Cup events this season and edging Meyers for the overall championship by one point.

But the stakes are much



Kaillie Humphries and Heather Moyse take a turn during a training session on Sunday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The leaders

"It feels pretty good but we've got a lot of work to do.... Kaillie's a great driver. Jamie (Greubel)'s driving great as well. It's not over."

U.S. bobsledder Elana Meyers, who won bronze in Vancouver pushing for Erin Pac, on competing against the Canadians.

higher in Sochi, and although the two are close friends after training and rooming together last summer, Meyers and Humphries are going hard for gold.

That Meyers and Williams are in the lead is a surprise given their shaky start to the event. The pair crashed during their initial training run and the following day they

damaged their sled after hitting a wall near the finish.

That's all behind them now.

"It feels pretty good but we've got a lot of work to do,"

said Meyers, who won bronze in Vancouver pushing for Erin Pac. "Kaillie's a great driver. Jamie's driving great as well. It's not over."

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Hamelin after fall: 'This sport can be ... very cruel'



Charles Hamelin crashes out in a men's 500m short track speedskating heat at the Iceberg Skating Palace on Tuesday in Sochi. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It is as if his brother François's fall during the men's relay derailed Charles (the Locomotive) Hamelin.

After starting the 2014 Winter Games with a gold medal in the 1,500 metre race, Canada's top short-track speedskater inexplicably went into neutral.

There was talk of Hamelin taking medals in all four men's events, but that ended when his younger brother François stepped on a marker disc and fell, ending Canada's hopes of defending the relay gold they won in 2010 in Vancouver.

The bottle they symbolically

threw into the Black Sea containing their bad luck and frustration didn't change anything.

In two events since then, Charles Hamelin has fallen — in the 1,000 metre quarter-finals on Saturday and again Tuesday in his 500 metre heat — keeping him from even making the finals.

"Crazy bad luck," was how the Ste-Julie, Que. skater described the falls. "I have no explanation, no excuses."

It will be up to his teammates Charles Cournoyer of Boucherville, Que., and Olivier Jean of Lachenaie, Que., who

Frustration

"I sat down, got out of my suit and I cried. I couldn't stop asking, 'Why?'"

Charles (the Locomotive) Hamelin after falling during his 500 metre heat and missing the finals

each won a 500 metre heat, to try for a medal on the final day of short track on Friday.

The latest setback left Hamelin very angry. He went off by himself for a while before returning to talk to the media.

"I was coming out of the dressing room when he came in and all I heard was crash, bang," said Hamelin's girlfriend, Marianne St-Gelais, a silver medalist on the women's relay team. "I'm glad I wasn't in there."

"I wanted to wreck everything in my path," said Hamelin. "I was really frustrated."

"This sport can be either great or very cruel," he said. "It's not the end of the world. I won gold in the 1,500 and that's a first for our team in that event."

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Competitive imbalance

Women's hockey here to stay: IIHF

Amid concerns about competitive imbalance between Canada and the United States and the rest of the countries involved, International Ice Hockey Federation president René Fasel on Tuesday guaranteed women's hockey would

not be taken out of the Olympics.

After NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said he would be "distressed" to see that happen, Fasel spoke up to reassure him.

"That will never happen," Fasel said. "I can guarantee that will never happen."

Bettman responded with: "Perfect, that's what I was hoping you would say."

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Speedskating

Shocker leads to Dutch's 4th sweep

Jorrit Bergsma set an Olympic record and led another Dutch speedskating sweep Tuesday, winning the 10,000 metres with an upset of countryman and favourite Sven Kramer, who settled for silver.

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Biathlon

Svendsen wins gold for Norway

Norway's Emil Hegle Svendsen edged French rival Martin Fourcade by the length of a ski tip Tuesday to win the last individual biathlon gold of the Sochi Olympics, the men's 15-kilometre mass start race.

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Norway's Emil Hegle Svendsen leads France's Martin Fourcade during the men's biathlon 15k mass-start. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'We just need one more than the other team'

Style points don't count. Canada still adjusting to big ice, but winning still bottom line

No matter which forwards Team Canada dresses for its quarter-final, they've combined to score well over 300 goals in the NHL this season.

No team in Sochi features that kind of depth, and yet one concern going into Wednesday's game against Latvia is a lack of offence up front. As this becomes a single-elimination tournament, Canada doesn't need 300 goals.

"We just need one more than the other team," Babcock said.



Canadian winger Corey Perry
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Getting that one big, important goal could make or break Canada moving for-

ward. As the game against Finland showed, offence can be tough to come by on the international ice, especially against well-structured European opponents.

Finding a way to get to the middle of the ice and closer to the net was a major emphasis in practice Tuesday and could be the difference between reaching the semifinals and going home early.

"You watch our games and we've been on the outside a lot," said winger Corey Perry, who will have a new linemate in Jamie Benn between him and Ryan Getzlaf. "To get shots to the net, to get second opportunities, that's what the three of us are going to do."

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MEDALS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot.
Netherlands	6	6	8	20
United States of America	6	4	10	20
Russian Federation	5	8	6	19
Norway	7	4	7	18
Canada	4	9	4	17

WHAT CANADA DID

TUESDAY

ALPINE SKIING

Women's Giant Slalom - Erin Mielzynski, Guelph, Ont., finished 21st with a time of two minutes 40.69 seconds, 3.82 seconds out of first, after coming in 20th in the opening run and 18th in the final run. Marie-Michele Gagnon (Lac-Etchemin, Que.) and Marie-Pier Prefontaine (St-Sauveur, Que.) did not finish their opening run.

BIATHLON

Men's 15 km Mass Start - Brendan Green, Hay River, N.W.T., 9th, (43 minutes, 38.3 seconds, +1:09.2); Jean-Philippe Le Guellec, Shannon, Que., 10th, (43:41.6); Nathan Smith, Calgary, DNF.

BOBSLEIGH

Women's - Kaillie Humphries (Calgary) and Heather Moyse (Summerside, P.E.I.), are second overall after two runs with a time of one minute 55.12 seconds, 0.23 of a second out of first. Jennifer Ciochetti (Edmonton) and Chelsea Valois (Zenon Park, Sask.) are 13th (1:57.06). Heats 3 and 4 take place on Feb. 19.

FREESTYLE SKIING

Men's Ski Halfpipe - Mike Riddle (Sherwood Park, Alta.) won the silver medal with a second run score of 90.60, 1.40 points out of gold. Noah Bowman (Calgary) was fifth overall (82.60) while Justin Dorey (Vernon, B.C.), who was first in the qualifying round, fell in both final runs and ended up 12th (20.40).

SHORT TRACK

Men's 500 m - Charlie Cournoyer, Boucherville, Que., (41.18) and Olivier Jean, Lachenaie, Que., (41.616) both won their heats first and second respectively. Marianne St-Gelais, St-Felicien (2:05.206) did not qualify for the quarter-final.

Ladies' 1000 m - Valerie Maltais, La Baie, Que., (1:28.771) and Marie-Eve Drolet, Chicoutimi, Que., (1:31.273) both advanced to the quarter-finals on Friday, finishing their heats first and second respectively. Marianne St-Gelais, St-Felicien (2:05.206) did not qualify for the quarter-final.

Ladies' 3000 m Relay - Canada moved up to the silver medal position after China was disquali-

fied. Marie-Eve Drolet (Chicoutimi, Que.), Jessica Hewitt (Kamloops, B.C.), Valerie Maltais (La Baie, Que.), Marianne St-Gelais (St-Felicien, Que.) finished with a time of four minutes, 10.641 seconds, 1.143 seconds out of gold.

SNOWBOARD

Men's Snowboard Cross - Kevin Hill (Vernon, B.C.) did not finish his semifinal race and placed 8th overall. Christopher Robanske (Calgary) was disqualified in his quarter-final race and finished 17th overall. Jake Holden (Caledon, Ont.) did not advance in his qualifying heat, while Robert Fagan (Cranbrook, B.C.) was disqualified from his. Both finished tied for 25th overall.

CURLING

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MEN

Country	W	L
x-Sweden	8	1
x-Canada	7	2
x-China	7	2
x-Britain	5	4
Norway	5	4
Denmark	4	5
Russia	3	6
Switzerland	3	6
United States	2	7
Germany	1	8

x - qualifies for playoffs

Tuesday's result

TIEBREAKER

Britain 6 Norway 5

Wednesday's games

SEMIFINALS

Sweden vs. Britain, 10 a.m.

Canada vs. China, 10 a.m.

WOMEN

Country	W	L
x-Canada	9	0
x-Sweden	7	2
x-Britain	5	4
x-Switzerland	5	4
Japan	4	5
China	4	5
Denmark	4	5
South Korea	3	6
Russia	3	6
United States	1	8

x - qualifies for playoffs

Monday's results

Britain 9 Russia 6

South Korea 11 United States 2

Japan 8 China 5

Switzerland 10 China 6

Denmark 8 Britain 7

Canada 9 South Korea 4

Sweden 8 Japan 4

Wednesday's games

SEMIFINALS

Canada vs. Britain, 5 a.m.

Sweden vs. Switzerland, 5 a.m.

HOCKEY

PRELIMINARY ROUND

All Times Eastern

MEN

Group A	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pts
U.S.	3	2	0	0	0	15	4	8
Russia	3	1	0	0	0	8	5	6
Slovenia	3	1	0	0	2	6	11	3
Slovakia	3	0	0	0	2	2	11	1
Group B								
Canada	3	2	1	0	0	11	2	8
Finland	3	2	0	1	0	15	7	7
Austria	3	1	0	0	2	7	15	3
Norway	3	0	0	0	3	3	12	0
Group C								
Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	10	5	9
Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	2	16	6
Czech Rep.	3	1	0	0	2	6	7	3
Latvia	3	0	0	0	3	5	10	0

Note: Three points awarded for a regulation win, two for an overtime/shootout win and one for an overtime/shootout loss.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

QUALIFICATION PLAYOFF ROUND

Slovenia 4 Austria 0
Russia 4 Norway 0
Czech Republic 5 Slovakia 3
Latvia 3 Switzerland 1
Wednesday's games
Quarterfinals
Slovenia at Sweden, 3 a.m.
Russia at Finland, 7:30 a.m.
Latvia at Canada, 12 p.m.
Czech Republic at United States, 12 p.m.

Friday's games

SEMIFINALS

TBA at TBAH, 7 a.m.

TBA at TBAH, 12 p.m.

Saturday's games

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

TBA at TBAH, 10 a.m.

Sunday's games

GOLD MEDAL GAME

TBA at TBAH, 7 a.m.

WOMEN

Tuesday's results

Germany 3 Japan 2

FIFTH PLACE GAME

Finland 4 Russia 0

Thursday's games

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Switzerland at Sweden, 7 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Canada at United States, 12 p.m.

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Honda hit hybrid high in 2014



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Review. The last time Honda made a hybrid as impressive as the Accord it was over a decade ago with the original Insight

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When a new hybrid sedan is called for, it appears that Honda is finally prepared to step up and deliver.

But instead of just one version of the Accord, there are two to consider: the Accord Plug-In that might possibly come to Canada (it's now available stateside); and another with less battery juice that you don't plug in.

Both hybrids can operate on battery or gasoline power independently or together in combination. It's the type of system commonly used in the Toyota Camry, Ford Fusion and Hyundai Sonata/Kia Optima duo.

Up to now for Honda, the electric motor operated only in tandem with the gas engine

(referred to as a partial or mild hybrid). That makes for good, but not exactly leading-edge fuel economy, and Honda has come up short in challenging Toyota and others for its rightful share of the expanding hybrid market. Until now, that is (see factbox).

The secret to the Accord Hybrid is what Honda calls its Intelligent Multi-Mode Drive, or i-MMD. The system consists of two electric motors that are serviced by a lithium-ion battery pack plus a 141-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine. One 166-horsepower electric motor serves as the Accord's primary powerplant and principally drives the front wheels, while the other motor acts as a fixed-ratio direct-drive continuously variable transmission (referred to by Honda as an e-CVT).

The gasoline engine functions exclusively as a generator for much of the time (sort of like the Chevrolet Volt) by supplying power to the drive motor as well as helping to recharge the batteries. But at cruising speeds above 70 km/h, it seamlessly connects to drive the front wheels, with or

2014 Honda Accord Hybrid

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan
- **Engines (hp)** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (141) and a 166-horsepower electric motor (195, net)
- **Transmissions.** Continuously variable
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$31,300

Design

Visually, the Accord Hybrid lacks the different nose that has been assigned to its Plug In counterpart, but it does feature a blue-accented grille, headlights and running lights, plus unique 17-inch wheels. Also, a trunk spoiler and special lower body panel improve vehicle aerodynamics (to help reduce fuel consumption)

Compare



1 Ford Fusion hybrid
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2 Toyota Camry hybrid
Base price: \$29,500

Fuel economy

Honda claims it has leapfrogged the pack with a class-leading 3.7 l/100 km in the city and 4.0 on the highway. The top-selling Toyota Camry hybrid is rated at 4.5/4.9 and the Ford Fusion at 4.0/4.1. The Accord also beats out both the Hyundai Sonata and Kia Optima hybrid models that are rated at 5.4/4.9.

without electric-motor assist, depending on the load (accelerating and or heading uphill). In these instances, the system's 195 net total horsepower and 226 pound-feet of torque come into play.

The reason the Accord's city fuel economy is so impressive is that at speeds below 70 km/h, and under light-load conditions, only the electric drive motor is functioning to power the front wheels, or while the batteries have sufficient juice.

The entire drivetrain is cradled in a weight-saving all-aluminum sub-frame that

replaces the steel and aluminum one installed in regular Accords. Additionally, an aluminum rear bumper beam replaces the steel version. The weight savings help partially offset the battery pack that's packaged behind the rear seat and reduces trunk space by about 25 per cent.

Accord Hybrid pricing begins at \$31,300, including destination charges for the base model, which includes a wide assortment of content. The Touring trim level adds forward collision and lane departure warning safety

systems, moonroof and a premium sound package along with LED headlights, adaptive cruise control (which keeps you following at a safe distance) and a navigation system.

Without question Honda has become a technological leader in gasoline-electric propulsion. Whether the company can trade on the Accord's already rousing success and convert new buyers would seem to be a foregone conclusion. Why? It's the hybrid that everyone knew Honda could build.

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Hammound's latest design has him on cloud nine

Chrysler 200. Ontario native has struck gold twice in the cut-throat, highly competitive world of designing cars



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At Chrysler there can be as many as 15-plus exterior designers working on the same project, hoping to have their work carried to the next stage, says Jeff Hammound during our interview session



A side view of the slick Chrysler 200. COURTESY OF CHRYSLER

at the Toronto auto show. "They never say you are the next designer of the car. Everybody sketches. Everybody puts designs on the wall."

But this Chrysler designer, a native of Guelph, Ontario, struck gold twice. One of his designs became the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee, and just recently, his work came to life in the form of the all-new 2014 Chrysler 200.

Not only was he the lead exterior designer of the 200, but during the design process he was promoted to design manager, to oversee all the vehicle's exterior design matters right through to production. "That was unusual. It doesn't always happen that way. It gave me a lot of ownership of the design. I obviously had a lot of help from upper management ... But it really feels like my baby."



Canadian car designer Jeff Hammound and his 'baby', the Chrysler 200. PROVIDED

You don't run into car designers on the street every day, especially Canadian ones, so Hammound agreed to quick Q&A about his profession....

Typical day at the office?

"If we're sketching, you sketch all day long. A lot of us like to sketch after hours ... If the vehicle is 'in clay' you'll spend your day on floor, tapping lines,

etc. You're in rough clothes because you get covered in clay. It's fun though. Then you're working with engineers and going to a lot of meetings."

Hardest part of the job?

"The time you spend trying to hold your design. That's the hardest part. That it stays true to its original design, through cost constraints, manufacturing constraints,

engineering constraints. You really have to learn to balance your emotions. You need to learn to take criticism and not take it so personally, but you don't want to take the personal element out of it either, because it's the passion that makes a design successful."

Best advice to a car designer wanna-be?

"Definitely look at going to one of the more prestigious (design) schools, because you'll get exposure to the auto industry. The car companies come in and say, we like you, you and you. (Hammound went to Detroit's College for Creative Studies). Besides that, you really have to be passionate. It's very competitive and you'll be putting in long hours."

Dream assignment?

"As most designers would say — a super car. Few restrictions and more about what can you do to make it as ostentatious as possible. The proportions are also wide and long — makes for a really nice canvas."

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will receive advice from all directions today, making it difficult to work out who is talking sense. Maybe you should shut yourself away for an hour or two and come to your own conclusions.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You would be wise to keep your cash in your pocket today because if you make one wrong move, you may have to make several more to cover it up and before you know what's happening it will be costing you a fortune.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

It will pay you to keep a low profile and wait for the effects of today's Mercury-Saturn alignment to pass. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your work.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may want to give voice to your feelings today but is that really such a good idea? The planets warn you won't do your cause much good if you let your resentments out for everyone to see.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Steer clear of people who seem to enjoy talking about their worries. It may make them feel good to feel bad but it will spoil what might otherwise be a marvelous day.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone who is jealous of your popularity will make life tough for you today but they are unlikely to succeed. Let the negativity go over your head. It'll annoy them. Good.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will have to tell a little white lie today, the kind that keeps a friend from getting into serious trouble. A few days from now, when they realize what you did, they will thank you profusely.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Avoid quick fixes and dubious schemes today because they will cost you money. Anyone who approaches you with any of those once-in-a-lifetime, just-can't-lose proposals must be shown the door.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You must control your temper today. That may be easier said than done but it must be done or what starts as a minor dispute could quickly get out of hand. Avoid people who like to fight.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you make a promise today you will have to keep, so think carefully before making a commitment. With Mercury, planet of communication, under lots of pressure you should keep your mouth shut.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

What you are worrying about is not worth the time. A few days from now, you will look back and wonder how you could have gotten so worked up about something so trivial.

Pisces

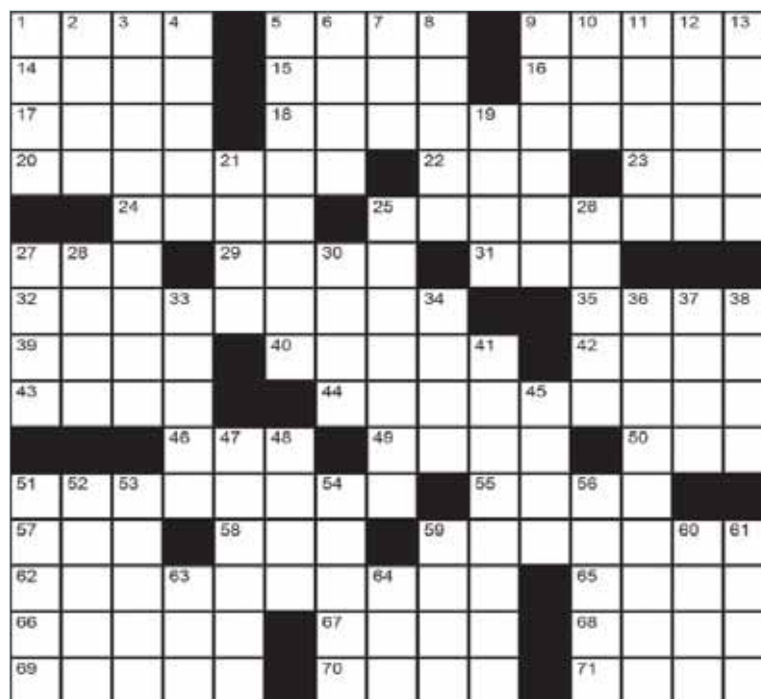
Feb. 20 - March 20

The Sun is moving through your sign and you're feeling on top of the world but today's Mercury-Saturn link could dampen your mood with negative news. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Estonia's Lake
5. By-the-tracks structures, for short
9. Floral leaf
14. Owl's call
15. Wholly Part link: 2 wds.
16. Disney dog
17. Wanes
18. SOCHI 2014 - Biathlon competition: 2 wds.
20. Error
22. Verdi aria: "Tu"
23. Extremist org. in 1974 headlines
24. Tunesmith Lisa
25. Nunavut: Sylvia Territorial Park
27. Fib
29. Mr. Matsuhisa (Celebrity chef)
31. Canuck rock gr.
32. Moscow: One of the vivid architectural features of Saint Basil's Cathedral: 2 wds.
35. Spinning stats
39. Kabul, ___
40. Part of Fred Flintstone's roar!
42. Old Rome's 1052
43. Qatar's capital
44. Maggie Gyllenhaal's actor husband Peter
46. Arctic explorer John
49. Misplace
50. Ms. West



51. SOCHI 2014 - Snowboard event, ___
52. Giant Slalom
55. Keen on
57. Tokyo, formally
58. Ms. Zadora
59. Not for
62. Canadian painter of The Jack Pine: 2 wds.

65. Sarah McLachlan song
66. SOCHI 2014 - Adler ___ Skating Center
67. Labourer, in olde Anglo-Saxon times
68. Rock 'n' What?
69. Canadian furniture store since 1909

70. Origin
 71. Carpenter and Fire
- Down**
1. "Pardon me..."
 2. Quebecoise singer, Alys ___ (b.1923 - d.2011)
 3. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport

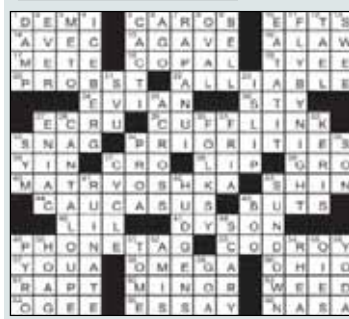
4. John Lennon's "___ Hard"
5. 1984 Bryan Adams tune
6. Jaunt
7. Veto
8. Curl the lips
9. SOCHI 2014 - Cross-Country event, Team ___

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

10. 'Client' completer
11. Legume
12. In the least: 2 wds.
13. Devoted
19. Smidgen
21. Memphis, ___
25. Candy machine product: 2 wds.
26. "Candle in the Wind" subject, ___ Jean
27. Cargo
28. Lowdown
30. Feathery scarves
33. Canadian actress Catherine
34. River of Spain
36. Luc ___ (French Canadian lyricist of the musical Notre-Dame de Paris)
37. Ms. Sorvino
38. "West ___ Story" (1961)
41. Designated
45. Ms. Rowlands
47. First Greek letters
48. Director Mr. Petri
51. Flower's one-of-some
52. Love lots
53. Shakespeare role
54. Designer chairs surname
56. Accessory for Queen Elizabeth
59. Excellent
60. Sediment
61. Mr. Bachman's
63. Cable TV network Spike, formerly
64. NNW u-turn

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

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THURSDAY

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MIN: -10°



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MIN: -17°



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Financial Assistance available to qualified applicants.

HYUNDAI ADVANTAGE

- 5 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE WARRANTY^{††}
- 5 YEAR LEASING WITH BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS
- 5 YEAR 0% FINANCING AVAILABLE

ON SELECT MODELS

2014'S WITH BI-WEEKLY LEASING

HWY: 7.3L/100 KM
CITY: 10.2L/100 KM[†]



Limited model shown

HWY: 5.3L/100 KM
CITY: 7.5L/100 KM[†]



GLS model shown

HWY: 7.2L/100 KM
CITY: 10.0L/100 KM[†]



Limited model shown

2014 SANTA FE SPORT 2.4L FWD

■ HEATED FRONT SEATS ■ AM/FM/XM[™]/CD/MP3 6-SPEAKER AUDIO SYSTEM W/ AUX/USB JACKS ■ BLUETOOTH[®] HANDS-FREE PHONE SYSTEM ■ STABILITY MANAGEMENT WITH ESC AND TRACTION CONTROL

5 YEAR LEASE

\$158 AT **3.9%**[†]
BI-WEEKLY WITH \$2,495 DOWN FOR 60 MONTHS

THE HYUNDAI ADVANTAGE

5 YEAR
LEASE

5 YEAR^{††}
WARRANTY

2014 ACCENT 4-DR L

■ 1.6L GASOLINE DIRECT INJECTION ENGINE ■ AM/FM/CD/MP3/USB/IPOD AUDIO SYSTEM ■ POWER DOOR LOCKS ■ FRONT, SIDE AND CURTAIN AIRBAGS

5 YEAR LEASE

\$82 AT **0.9%**[†] **\$0**
BI-WEEKLY FOR 60 MONTHS WITH DOWN

THE HYUNDAI ADVANTAGE

5 YEAR
LEASE

5 YEAR^{††}
WARRANTY

2014 TUCSON GL

■ HEATED FRONT SEATS ■ EZ LANE CHANGE ASSIST ■ IPOD/USB/MP3 AUXILIARY INPUT JACKS ■ INTEGRATED BLUETOOTH[®] HANDS-FREE PHONE SYSTEM ■ LED HEADLIGHT ACCENT W/ LED DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS

5 YEAR LEASE

\$128 AT **2.9%**[†]
BI-WEEKLY WITH \$1,895 DOWN FOR 60 MONTHS

THE HYUNDAI ADVANTAGE

5 YEAR
LEASE

5 YEAR^{††}
WARRANTY

GET UP TO **\$5,000** IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS[‡] ON SELECT 2013 MODELS
(AMOUNT SHOWN ON 2013 SONATA HYBRID)

2013 ELANTRA L **OWN IT FOR \$12,995**

HWY: 5.2L/100 KM
CITY: 7.1L/100 KM[†]



Limited model shown^{*}

ALL-IN PRICING
INCLUDES PRICE ADJUSTMENTS[‡],
DELIVERY & DESTINATION.

5 YEAR^{††}
WARRANTY

5 YEAR
WARRANTY

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty^{††}
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
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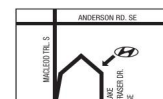
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